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## Wardens Remanded

Three wardens of the Victoria Remand Prison were remanded by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, acting magistrate, at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of extorting different sums from Fung Yuk, married woman, at Cheungshan Road between August 9 and 18.

Timothy Din, 29 years, was alleged to have obtained the sum of \$50 on August 9; Gussy Maria dos Santos, aged 26, to have received \$30 on August 18; and Santo Ahmed, 20 years, \$20 on August 11.

They were alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts, to have obtained the money as fees due to them as wardens.

## Medicine Dealers In Court

Three medicine dealers of 515 Canton Road, second floor, were remanded for three days by Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of a quantity of strychnine, solutions of ferric ammonium citrate and strychnine, and liquefied phenol, on July 29.

When Mr. Peter H. Sin applied for bail for Lee Sing-chuen, 22 years, Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope, Kowloon CID Headquarters, said that there was no objection to bail for all defendants in the sum of \$1,000.

DSI Pope said that while the maximum penalty for the offence is only \$500, the police are asking for \$1,000 bail as there was the possibility of further charges.

Mr. Sin said the police were not entitled to ask for bail double the amount of the fine nor to ask the court to envisage the possibility of further charges. They could always ask for the bail to be increased when further charges were brought.

Bail was fixed at \$1,000, with the possibility of a reduction should no additional charges be preferred.

Colling price of Swift Processed Cheese has been fixed at HK\$1.40 a 12-ounce tin; Milo Fortified Tonic at HK\$2.60 a 14-ounce tin; and Nestomalt (Nestlé's Malted Milk) at HK\$2.40 a one-pound tin.

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## POLICE USE FORCE TO GET INTO DIVAN

Breaking down the door and forcing the iron grill was necessary before Inspector Saunders and his party could gain admittance when they raided the second floor of 252 Queen's Road Central on Thursday night.

## Judgment Given For Plaintiff

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Reynolds, judgment was entered against Miss Phyllis Harrop for \$800, being balance due to Lam Wah Company in respect of renovation and decoration effected at No. 1 Forfar Road, including materials supplied.

Miss Harrop, consenting to judgment, said the amount was not in dispute and the delay in payment had been due solely to the work not being completed and the service rendered not being satisfactory.

A part payment of \$200 had been made before service of the writ, which was for \$1,000.

The plaintiff, Lam Wah Company, was represented by Mr. P. A. L. Vine.

## Laundry Sued

In another action before the Court Mr. Hehn G. Service, of 44 Bruga Circuit, sued the Peninsula Steam Laundry of 734 Nathan Road, for damage to clothing sent to the laundry for dry cleaning in June last.

Service claimed that a suit was ruined and other articles were so shrunken that they became useless.

The amount of the damage was estimated at \$1,457.50, but it had been pruned down to \$1,000 as to come within summary jurisdiction.

When Mr. Marcus da Silva representing the defendants applied for an adjournment to October 4, the husband of plaintiff, Mr. Service, asked the Court for leave to engage a solicitor. The application was granted.

## Attempted Tea Theft

An attempt to steal 30 lbs. of tea from the Companies' Supply Depot at Shamshuipo on August 18 resulted in Leung Chia being sentenced to three months' hard labour, and Tse Chan to a fine of \$250 (or two months' hard labour) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that second defendant was employed as a cooler at the Companies' Supply Depot at Shamshuipo and accompanied Driver R. MacBread, RASC, in delivering bread to Shamshuipo from the Divisional Issuing Depot at Wanchai.

On the morning of August 18, the lorry was outside No. 8 Store and Driver MacBread was away to get a gate pass when the first accused passed the tea leaves to Tse with the promise of sharing them.

Just before the lorry was driven on board the vehicular ferry, Tse told MacBread to "Go Wanchai, tea." When the lorry found the tea leaves on board the lorry he drove the lorry and second defendant, to the Wanchai Police Station.

The following morning, Sub-Inspector Chan Wool-yung and Detective Tam Sang accompanied Captain Holmes RASC, to the CSD at Shamshuipo and arrested the accused.

## Magistrate Commends

Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, commended Mr. J.W. Tindall of Gilman and Company for having come forward and accepting full responsibility for his driver in a traffic summons.

Kwong Shing, who was fined a total of \$30, was charged with driving a van without a licence and carrying bamboo poles on top of the van, allowing them to protrude three-feet over and all of the van.

Mr. Tindall informed the magistrate that Kwong drove the van and carried the poles on his instructions and he would hold himself entirely responsible for his committing the offence.

## Disorderly Sailor

A.B. James C. Firminger, HMS Black Swan, was fined \$25 by Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of disorderly behaviour.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant was fighting with several other people outside the Queen's Restaurant, Nathan Road, on Thursday night.

When the police arrived, the others escaped and only defendant was arrested. He sustained slight injuries during the fracas and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Entering they found the whole floor used as a divan and arrested Chan Hung, aged 49 as the keeper and six smokers.

Before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Chan was charged with being the keeper and three of the six smokers had their balls estranged when they failed to answer their charges.

## Frank Admission

Chan pleaded not guilty and said that he was merely scraping the dress from the two pipe heads which the police seized.

One of the smokers admitted that he went there for the purpose of smoking, but had not yet smoked as the pipes were not ready. For his frank admission he was fined \$20, while the other smokers got \$50 or 10 days.

Chan was convicted and sentenced to four months.

## POSSESSION OF OPIUM OUTFITS

Pleading guilty before Mr. F.X. d'Almada to possession of an opium pipe and lamp for smoking, Yuen Kai, aged 38, was sentenced to a fine of \$400 or two months.

Wong Kai-fai, aged 38, of 3 Hillier Street, second floor, was found to be in possession of a similar outfit and received a fine of \$350 or one month.

Details of the Aeronautical Telecommunication Service for civil aviation in Hong Kong were published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

## Gets Bitten In Catching Robber

The story of a "very fierce fight" between Mr. L. C. Warren and a burglar in the early hours of August 19 was told by Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes at Kowloon yesterday.

Chan Kam-on, 22 years, with bandages around his chin and forehead, was brought before Mr. J. Wickes on the charges of burglary at 281 Temple Street, top floor, for stealing a wrist watch, a suitcase, a leather toilet set, a mirror and a felt hat from Mr. Warren.

DSI Sykes said that at 4 a.m. a woman occupant of the premises was awakened by a rustling noise in the adjoining room. She got out of bed and went to the hallway where she saw accused another man walking towards the door.

Defendant was carrying the suitcase containing the toilet set and the felt hat, and the other man had the mirror with him.

## Woman's Alarm

The woman raised the alarm and Mr. Warren got up and ran out of his room. One of the men was just opening the door. Defendant ran down the stairs and the other man went up to the roof.

Mr. Warren decided to chase accused who, when caught on the landing, struggled. A "very fierce fight" ensued in the course of which defendant hit Mr. Warren on the arm, the hand and the left hand thumb.

Chan was eventually overpowered and taken to Yauwatt Police Station. As the result of inquiries made by DSI Sykes at the stolen property, to the value of \$315, was recovered.

Accused was sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

## HEARING OF SACCHARIN CASE ENDS

Judgment was reserved by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, when hearing was concluded yesterday in the saccharin case.

The proceedings yesterday were confined to submissions by counsel in the case.

Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, was for plaintiff, the Shun Yuen Company, 14 Wing Wo Street, who sued for a return of \$2,000 cash deposited from International Chemicals, Bank of East Asia Building in respect of a contract for supply of saccharin crystals.

International Chemicals, represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright, counter-claimed for \$3,924.44 being loss alleged to have been suffered by them on resale of the goods through wrongful repudiation of the contract by plaintiff.

Mr. C.B.D. Boothby-Smith was for the Shun Yuen Company at the Hong Kong Bank Building, 100 Queen's Road, and Mr. C.B.D. Boothby-Smith was for the Shun Yuen Company at the Hong Kong Bank Building, 100 Queen's Road.

## \$4 Back To Wife

Ng Wei-man, driver of public vehicle 1389, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with leaving his car unattended.

Pleading guilty, he was fined \$25.

Ten minutes later Ng came into court and whispered to the interpreter. The magistrate enquired what the matter was.

Ng said all he had was \$9 and was not able to pay the \$25 fine.

Asked by the magistrate whether he had a family to support, he replied in the affirmative.

"Very well," said Lo, "pay \$15 fine and bring \$4 back to your wife."

## Hand Bag Snatcher Sentenced

Chan Shuk-ying was the complainant before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, when Wong Ying, aged 24, of no fixed abode was convicted of larceny by snatching a hand bag on August 19.

Wong was sentenced to six months' imprisonment to receive six strokes of the cane and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Moran said complainant was walking along Hillier Street during the afternoon of Thursday, when defendant dashed up from behind and snatched her bag.

Complainant ran after him, at the same raising the alarm, which was heard by a district watchman who joined in the chase.

Before defendant was apprehended, he was seen to discard the bag and when recovered was found to be minus \$10.

## LARCENY CHARGE DISMISSED

Henry Dick Gerver, formerly employed at the Kelly's Book Store, charged with larceny, was discharged by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. His counsel, Mr. C.A. Sutherland, was advised to warn his client to report to the police any unclaimed articles found.

Gerver was alleged to have stolen one packet of tissues and six plastic coat hangers, the property of "Miss Jennie."

Mr. C. A. Sutherland said that on July 23 she left the articles with a Mr. Tai at the Kelly's Book Store, meaning to return later to collect same.

She did not, however, return on that day but went there a few days later and found that the articles had been lost.

She said she did not make any report to the police as she considered the value of the articles very trivial.

Inspector Andrews said that he searched the premises at 177 Prince Edward Road occupied by defendant. Defendant was not in at the time but his wife was present and a search revealed the missing articles.

He added that defendant when brought to the station admitted having taken the articles back to his house for safe keeping as they had been left in the store by someone and not come to collect same.

At this stage the magistrate said he would hear no further evidence, as defendant had admitted taking the articles to his home awaiting a claimant.

In discharging defendant, the magistrate warned him through his counsel that the proper step would be to report to the police any articles unclaimed and not to take them back to his house.

## Fought On Wharf

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with disorderly conduct by fighting at the Mong Kok Ferry Wharf.

As not one of the party admitted being the aggressor, witnesses were given.

Satisfied with the evidence, the magistrate sentenced four of the defendants to a fine of \$200 or two months, and two to a fine of \$100 or one month. All defendants were ordered to appear in court on August 29 for 14 days.

## FOLLOWING THE WAYS OF CHINA CLIPPERS IN SKY

On trans-Pacific flights, aircraft pilots today search for winds that will accelerate the plane's speed in the desired direction. They are adopting the same principles that the masters of the old China clippers used in seeking out winds to help them on their way.

This new scientific method of air navigation is known as "pressure pattern flying". Favourable air currents make an important difference in Pacific flights where a plane crosses 2,000 miles of ocean without stopping. These currents can shorten flight times by hours, decrease petrol consumption and enable planes to carry greater loads.

Weather maps show a multitude of swirling air currents twisting and turning over the entire Pacific. The winds turn in vast circles so that at the bottom of a 200-mile circle the current moves in one direction and at the top in the opposite direction.

The wind patterns may show that the captain can make the best time if he pilots his craft in a direct line to his destination. If he charts often shows that if he went in a direct line he would be flying against air currents. He can see by the map that if he changes his course, zigzags North or South, the resultant gain in speed from favourable winds would cut down his flight time—even though he has covered more miles than in a direct route.

## Search For Winds

As he goes along in flight his instruments, altimeters, barometers and such, show him where he is in relation to the pressure pattern map. He regulates his course accordingly. But since pressure areas are changing constantly, the captain may find that the air currents have changed somewhat in the short time since the weather reports were incorporated into his map. He can then calculate the possible path of the currents, and search for winds in the upper reaches of the air until he finds the necessary winds.

## Pleads Guilty To Speeding

Pleading guilty to the surmises of speeding and driving without consideration for other users of the road, D.A. Hussey of Room 403, Queen's Building, was fined \$50 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, acting magistrate, at Kowloon yesterday.

ASP R. Haig-Brown said that defendant was driving car 1009 along Nathan Road towards Castle Peak Road on July 1 at 40 miles per hour. The speed limit for that section of the road is 30 miles.

As defendant had pleaded guilty to that summons, said Mr. Haig-Brown, he would ask that the other complaint of driving without consideration be taken jointly with the first.

Hussey said, in mitigation, that after passing the Alhambra Theatre he saw the sign "End of 20 m.p.h. limit," and did not know that the area after that sign was a built-up one.

The magistrate pointed out that with the exception of controlled areas the speed limit in Kowloon is 30 miles per hour.

## Acrobatic Show Tax Unpaid

A fine of \$500 was imposed by Mr. E.B. Teesdale, M.C., at Ping Shan Court yesterday on Hung Hip-kat on the charge of evading entertainment tax to the amount of \$51.50. Defendant was also ordered to reimburse that sum to Government.

According to Mr. J.F. Mugford, inspector of the Inland Revenue Office, he went with a party of detectives to Un Long where accused was running an acrobatic show.

He found that the five-cent tax on 1,030 40-cent tickets have not been paid.

## Resources Of Amazon

Geneva, August 20. The United Nations Economic and Social Council voted today to postpone the debate on whether to call an international conference of the Amazon Basin countries to establish a framework for the best utilization of its natural resources.

It decided over Soviet opposition to hear statements however by the Peruvian delegate, Mr. Juvenal Monje, before adjourning next week.

The Council also postponed consideration of the establishment of a United Nations economic commission for the Middle East on which a responsible decision was expected to be reached by the end of the month.

He can also receive adjusted weather reports by radio while in flight to help him plot his course. Pan-American Airways pioneered this new and scientific form of aircraft navigation. Only experts can get results in pressure pattern flying. It is not a game for the beginner.

## Tried To Get Three Rations

Three rice ration tickets issued in the names of Tse Kwong-cheung, Wong Chun-shi and Chan Yuen, which might have been sold or sold by the owners, were found in the possession of Cheng Kwong-ching, 26-year-old rice shop fooki, by police constable 1851 on August 14.

As the man was unable to give a satisfactory explanation as to how he came in possession of the tickets or of the rice which he took from the Government retail shop at 102 Luichok Road, he was taken back to the Shamshuipo Police Station.

Charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr, acting magistrate, at Kowloon yesterday with obtaining 45 tickets of rationed rice from the Lin Chan Government retail shop by procuring that he was sent and authorized by the three holders of the ration tickets.

Cheng was fined \$20 (or eight weeks' hard labour). The rice was ordered to be confiscated to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industries.

Detective Sub-Inspector D.S. Roberts said that defendant was seen by police constable 1861 carrying a sack of rice out of the shop on the afternoon of August 14.

At the sack appeared to contain a large quantity of rice, the accused was stopped and questioned. He told the police that he was sent by his master with two rice cards for the rice. The other four tickets (rice or three of which have been obtained) he bought from the streets.

DSI Roberts said that the police were unable to find the holder of the tickets, which, for all they knew, might have been lost or sold by the owners.

## Apply For Liquor Licences

The Licensing Board will meet at the Council Chamber next Friday to consider applications for liquor licences. A notice yesterday said that the applicants and persons objecting to such applications must appear personally at the meeting.

According to the Government Gazette yesterday, Mr. John Willis has applied for a publican's licence for John's Lunch, at No. 1, Wai Chung Street; Mr. Lulu Gramela has applied for an hotel-keeper's licence for the Paramount Hotel, at No. 2, Shan Kwong Road; and Mr. Alexander Ivashkevich has applied for a restaurant adjunct licence for Alex's Steak at No. 8A, Wyndham Street.

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## Mrs Tait To Try Again

Marseilles, August 19. Mrs. Richard Morrow Tait, who was forced to abandon her round the world plane trip, today said she would return to London and start all over again.

The landing gear on her plane was damaged in landing and she said repairs would delay her flight too long.

There is no definite date yet for her next departure from London.—Associated Press.

## MAHARANI DEFENDS HUSBAND

Bombay, August 19. The First Maharani of Baroda has arisen to the defence of her husband. She declared in a radio broadcast last night that the Legislature's call for the Maharajah's abdication was "hasty and uncalled for."

The Maharajah has been accused of misusing nearly £2,500,000 of the princely state's funds in a six weeks' spending spree abroad last spring. He is to reach New Delhi today to talk with Indian officials to whom the Baroda Legislature addressed its plea for the ouster.

The first Maharani's broadcast was considered sensational in view of the Maharajah's actions in 1943 in breaking the state's anti-bigamy law and marrying Mrs. Devi, who previously had married and divorced a Muslim. Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Premier of Baroda who led the movement for the abdication, refused to comment.—Associated Press.

## Marshall Rejects Protests

Washington, August 19. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, today rejected outright all main points of the three Soviet protests that the United States Government had committed in the "kidnapping" of three runaway Russian school teachers.

The complaints were filed by the Russian Foreign Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington (M. Alexander Panyshevskii) and the Soviet Consul General in New York (M. Jacob Lomakin).

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# 'PHONE DEPOSIT PROTEST

## Proposal For 300% Increase

### Organisations Send Letter To Company

A joint letter by four Chinese organisations in Hong Kong protesting against the proposal to increase telephone deposits by 300 per cent was sent to the Hong Kong Telephone Company yesterday.

The letter was signed by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung, Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, Mr. Chan Nung-fong, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Kowloon, and Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce.

Addressed to the Manager of the Telephone Company, the letter reads:

"On behalf of our respective Chambers of Commerce, the Hong Kong Manufacturers' Union and a number of Chinese organisations including a majority of telephone subscribers in Hong Kong and Kowloon, we write to express our strong opposition to your Company's recent proposal of increasing the telephone deposit from HK\$50.00 up to the astonishing amount of HK\$200.00 from each of your subscribers."

"From our own point of view, we cannot see any justifiable reason for such an increase and we are very much in doubt whether your Company has obtained sanction from the local Government for such action which is liable to set a bad precedent for similar increases by other public utilities with the possible result of causing unrest to the public and bringing additional difficulties to the commercial community."

#### Instruments Pro-War

"We have to point out to you that the majority of your subscribers have been in possession of their telephones for a long time before the war. It is, therefore, obvious that the telephone instruments are pre-war commodities, the value of which should by no means be estimated at the post-war rate of prices. On the other hand, they should be subject to yearly depreciation according to the general rules of business undertakings. From this point of view, it is so much the more unreasonable for your Company to raise the amount of deposits, the collection of which is in fact not specified in the Telephone Ordinance of 1925."

"In consideration of the fact that the Government is now taking care to control the prices of commodities in the Colony as a measure to prevent profiteering activities, we are very much surprised to hear that your Company is acting on the proposal of increasing the telephone deposits, thus causing millions of dollars to be frozen under no logical pretext. Whether this is done purposely or unintentionally we cannot tell, but it must be realised that the freezing of such a tremendous sum of money deprives the public will affect business circles to no small degree."

"As long as the telephone charges are collected in advance, your Company is well protected and with regard to losses and damages, we are inclined to think and have reason to believe that such cases have been very few. You can find out the truth by referring to your records. Further

more, we should like to draw your attention to the fact that the telephone subscribers have done good service to your Company in keeping and taking good care of the telephone instruments during the occupation period when many other valuable things were lost or taken away by the Japanese. In this connection, we hope that your Company will not forget what the subscribers have done for the good of your Company."

#### Public Utility

"What we understand is that the telephone service is a public utility and as such, it should be managed to provide the greatest possible facility to the public in the way of contributing towards the revival of trade prosperity in Hong Kong. It is entirely unjustifiable for your Company to aggravate the burden of the commercial community by increasing telephone deposits, especially at a time when the trade of the Colony is still making slow progress."

"We sincerely hope that your Company will have the goodness of reconsidering the matter and withdraw the proposal of the deposit increase. In meantime, we earnestly request that you will see that no telephone line is cut off in case of non-compliance with your notice demanding payment of the increased deposits, and that no more demand notices of this kind be sent out for the said purpose."

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

Copies of the Kai Tak Extension Plan and of the Extension Schedule have been filed at the Land Office, Hong Kong, and at the office of the Assistant Land Officer in the New Territories. An official announcement yesterday said that the copies may be inspected at either of the offices on payment of a fee of HK\$1.

Mr. Stanley Retram Milford has been added to the list of Authorised Auditors, according to the Government Gazette yesterday.

Mr. John Mitchell has ceased to be Immigration Officer as from August 14. His place has been filled by Mr. Roy Vincent Francis Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Police. Mr. Mitchell, Acting Chief Inspector of Police, is now Deputy Immigration Officer.

Mr. Sham Fai has been appointed Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths, effective from August 10, 1948.

Nominated by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Philip Stanley Cassidy has been appointed an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

Under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. James Connolly Brown has been appointed Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer of the Public Works Department. The appointment is effective from July 5, 1948.

Shares in Asia Lands Limited and Equitable Trading Company, Limited, have been exempted from the provisions of Articles 11 and 12 of the Moratorium Proclamation.

#### SALT MAKERS MUST REGISTER

Salt manufacturers must register under the Food Factory Regulations, said an Urban Council spokesman yesterday.

The spokesman drew attention to the definition of "Food" in the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance No. 8 of 1935, which included salt under the heading. Registration forms may be obtained from the Urban Council Secretary.

#### PRISONER DIES OF TB

A verdict of death from Tuberculosis was returned by the jury sitting over the death of Cheung Tat, aged 40, who was serving a sentence of two months.

Mr. J. C. Almeida, J.P., presiding, said that after formal evidence had been given by the Acting Chief Officer of Stanley Prison, Mr. A. D. Spence, and Mr. C. C. Lee, the above verdict was returned.

#### Reminders

**Today**  
Lawn Bowls League games, KCC, KNGC, Fecore, KONG, CCG, HKFC, IRC.  
Industrial Exhibition, Chinese YMCA, 10 a.m.  
Boxing Exhibition, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

**Coming Events**  
**TOMORROW**  
Classical Concert, Tse-H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
Talk on "Alcohol, Its Use and Abuse," by Dr. R. D. Scriven, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
H. K. Rotary Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Photographic Society of Hong Kong, dinner and meeting, Cafe Wiseman, 7.30 p.m.  
Tse-H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
James Morning, European YMCA (Women's Section), 10 a.m.  
Summer Social, European YMCA

#### HK-PAKISTAN MONEY ORDERS

A direct money-order service between Hong Kong and Pakistan will be started on September 1, said the Colony's Postmaster-General, yesterday.

Maximum amount for a single order will be \$500 rupees for Hong Kong and 20 rupees from Pakistan.

**No Fuss, No Bother**  
Sir—One reads and hears considerable adverse criticism of the Traffic Department of the Hong Kong Police.

Let us for once look on the bright side and give credit where credit is due. The arrangements made for the renewal of Driving Licences are admirable, no fuss, no bother, no waiting, and the Officer or his responsible assistant is so heartily congratulated on the success of their planning. T.J.J.F.

#### Social Set

Sir—We read the "Below The Salt" episode with mixed feelings of disgust and horror that a person of so high a calibre should spend two years hawking pickles and flea powder in order to acquire sufficient "filthy lucre" to be admitted to the Hong Kong Social Set.

We consider that he would have been more beneficially employed hawking coal to help the "Old Country" in her sore straits. This would have ensured that he would not only be admitted to the present social set, but British and also endorsed him in the hearts of working men the world over.

In conclusion we would like to say that if he is the type of person we have been sent out to defend, the rest of the world will not follow him on his trail.

#### POW Generals

Sir—As an ex inmate of Helto P.O.W. Camp, I feel that I cannot let "White Collie's" slight distortion of facts go unchallenged. I was one of a party of 105 "Sapper" Officers who travelled with the General's party from Singapore to Taiwan, and I remained in Helto Camp until October 1944.

Referring to my diary:—Arrived Helto 30th August 1944. Six days later the General's Party were allowed their generators and toilet bags; managed to borrow from one of them and had my first shave for a week. Next day they all left for a Camp further north, except Sir Shenton. Thomas who was isolated in the "Garpeners" hut as a suspected Typhoid Carrier, for two or three days, then sent to Jap M.H. for a week. After he returned to the Camp he was given a complete bath in the end of Hut Five, which was being taken into use as an overflow hospital. About two weeks later Sir Shenton left to join the General's Party.

The "Manual" report, apart from fetching their food buckets from the Cookhouse, consisted of moving stones from A to B in a flat basket about eighteen square feet, two officers per basket. This work became a slow-going "light" race, and it was delightful to see P.O.W.s, flushing by at 3,000 mph, with a load of at least four pounds of stone between them. True, the process earned frequent "Kurars" and face-slappings, but not "thrashings".

Protests were made at Officers being made to work, and answered by: "If Nippon, all men take care of the health".

None of the General's Party ever carried Domino Buckets, until October 1944, when they again decided to "take the Camp" en route to Manchuria. They were all kept incommunicado in the hut, and twice a day had to place their Domino Buckets outside by a

#### Girl Artist



Ancient Chinese historical beauties were on exhibition at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday. The paintings were by Miss Diana Artemis Kan (above) painted in Chinese ink. The exhibition was formally opened by Lady Grantham.

#### And Her Art



Above is shown one of the typical paintings by Miss Kan. China Mail Photos.

# Bill To Recover Excess Stamp Duty

A bill to recover excess stamp duty which became payable as a result of the passing of the Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance of 1946 will be presented to the Legislative Council shortly for discussion and approval.

The new bill, known as the Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance of 1948, will be read as one with the Stamp Ordinance of 1921.

Explaining the objects and reasons for the new bill, an official statement said that as a result of the Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 1946, an excess stamp duty of 10 per cent became payable on the excess consideration represented by a conveyance on sale executed on or after September 30, 1946. Certain provisions relating to such excess duty, inserted to produce equality, proved complicated and a cause for delay in practice. The statement added:

Government can ill afford to lose the revenue produced by the excess stamp duty but it is appreciated that the original proposal, contained in the previous bill submitted to Council, to substitute a five per cent ad valorem duty in all cases would work hardship in those cases where, after excess stamp duty had already been paid, five per cent ad valorem duty had to be paid on a fresh conveyance. Representations to this effect were received from the Law Society and the Chambers of Commerce. It is considered reasonable that future conveyances of sale should bear three per cent ad valorem duty and that conveyances on sale, which have not already paid the 10 per cent excess duty referred to, should in addition pay three per cent ad valorem duty by way of excess duty.

In view of the fact that it is always customary, mainly in or-

der to prevent evasion, to ascertain duty on other conveyances and instrument by reference to a conveyance on sale duties on voluntary assignments, inter vivos, conveyances by way of exchange, leases granted for a premium, etc., will increase correspondingly. This would be the case even if, no provision were made.

Instruments relating to land in the New Territories executed in pursuance of the New Territories (Regulation Ordinance), 1910, have hitherto been exempt from stamp duty under the principal Ordinance. The validity of the method whereby this was effected is at least doubtful. It is considered that while power should be taken to exempt such instruments it may be desirable to limit the exemption to instruments of a particular character or executed for a particular purpose. The opportunity has accordingly been taken to amend the section which contains power to make regulations, so as to facilitate differentiation in the case of instruments affecting land in the New Territories.

In the absence of express provision stamp duty is borne by the purchaser but, since the imposition of the 10 per cent excess stamp duty, it has been normal to provide in the agreement for sale that it should be borne equally. Difficulties might accordingly arise if conveyances, executed after the Bill becomes law pursuant to such an agreement, were to be subjected automatically to the new duty. Clause 6 accordingly provides that, in the case of agreements of sale, in the event of the Bill becoming law prior to the date of the agreement, the duty shall be borne by the purchaser and the seller in equal shares. Clause 7, which is hoped to read the present Bill for the first time, there will be an option to stamp in accordance with the old duties or with those substituted as a result of the passing into law of the present Bill. Subject as aforesaid all instruments presented for stamping after commencement of the Ordinance introduced by the Bill must be stamped in accordance with the new duties.

#### Personalia

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were: Mr. L. L. Storch, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. E. L. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. Koo, Mrs. T. M. Carter, Messrs. Carr Michael, E. C. Sellers, Hibben Ziesing, C. D. Hyland, H. Alexander, W. K. Lloyd, F. Hogan, and P. F. Kaler.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parnus, Mrs. Nabab, Miss Armstrong, Miss M. Cassan, Commander and Mrs. R. A. Vaillet, Messrs. J. E. Boring, C. T. Doyle, Sheng Hsi-liang, C. F. Boettcher, Robert Lewis, R. Gallo, S. W. Clark, C. W. Smith, C. C. Rogers, Y. L. Zaver, J. F. Marans, F. L. Heidon, F. D. King, H. H. Wong and T. Addis Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Corra of the Flinders Hotel, Marina House, are in Chicago attending the annual convention this week of the National Association of Visual Education Dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Corra expect to bring back practical information on new developments in the field of education and news of the latest in audio-visual equipment and supplies.

Mr. Joe Griffin, 18 Kwong Wah Street, and Miss M. Malto, were married at the Registry yesterday.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Major John Francis Soper, Hong Kong Training Centre Unit, No. 3 Camp, Argyle Street, and Miss Beatrice Doreen Mary Lloyd, en route to Hong Kong by the Achilles.

Charles Henry Cotton, San Miguel Brewery, 13 Star Street, and Mrs. Linda Song, 12a Wing Fung Street.

Among the passengers who left for Bangkok and Singapore by CPA yesterday were P. C. Lugani, Chung Ming-chen, Chung-kai and Chai Hoi-chin.

Arrivals from Manila by CPA yesterday included: Cello Golding, Maria H. Yd. Veronica T.M.S. Remedios, Lim Bee and Tan Hui.

Messrs. E. Middleton, M. Pimpaneau, M. Dehouck, M. Frothall, and Ho Yui left for Indo-China yesterday by Air France.

Messrs. R. Vaillet, G. G. Martin, J. Marry, H. de la Motte, and J. A. Bouillier arrived from Indo-China by Air France yesterday.

The monthly meeting and dinner of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong will be held at Cafe Wiseman, 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. at Cafe de Chine at 10.30 p.m.

# CORRESPONDENCE

rope barrier, where they were collected by the Camp Sanitary Squad. Neither the Generals nor the permanent inmates of the Camp objected to this, since it became known as the "Benjo Bucket Mail" because a tin containing news and messages, was passed out, concealed in the bucket.

As regards "Thrashings," every P.O.W. thought he was lucky to get passed a day without being slapped, but none of the Generals' Party ever received more than that; in fact, the many had "beat-up" only started to occur after the Party had left. No doubt the Commandant did sometimes give orders for a specific P.O.W. to be beaten, but no Guard or member of the Japanese Camp Staff needed orders; they did it freely enough without it.

It is quite stupid to say the Commandant had a personal grudge against the Generals' Party, because they were better paid, better fed, and better treated than 2% of the Camp Staff had ever heard a shot fired in anger, much less "campaigned"; they were C3 Garrison Troops.

The General's Party was kept behind when the Generals' Party moved, as a suspected Typhoid Carrier, (it was said in revenge for his supposed ill-treatment of Japanese internees) and segregated in the "Garpeners" hut until taken to the Japanese Military Hospital in Helto for observation. He returned to the Camp after and lived on his own in the end, but one of the huts, the not segregated, smoked several cigarettes (his) while he was moved out to join the Generals' Party.

The "Evil Spirit" of the Camp was Lt. Tomaki, who later by chance Commandant, and Sir Shenton told him before leaving that he would report to Tokyo the ill-treatment of P.O.W.s, particularly the day we arrived, when the sick and dying were made to parade in the pouring rain, and stand for several hours. As we refused to sign the "No transit" order on the Generals' Party, the Camp in October 1944, I was present when Tomaki, leaping up and down with rage, screamed at Sir Shenton, "Ah! you write to Tokyo, they tell me, you say I had men, I punish you." For the three days they were in the Camp, the Party were made to do two hours a day, weeding in the Camp "farm" but none of them were even slapped during their stay.

Finally, without wishing to seem "pro-Nippon," why blame our tormentors for two Generals' Party, assisting to clean that most in-accessible portion of the human frame, the middle of the back?

**"EX FURIO"**  
Sir—"Ex Furio" has accorded me the privilege of his letter, answering "White Collie" and, as a former guest of Nippon in the same Helto Camp, I wish to endorse his account of conditions there, and the inaccuracies of "White Collie's" report in passing. "Pato" Tomaki was sentenced to 10 years.

**"SQUAD 6"**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 16th day of September 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date. Dated the 19th day of Aug. 1948

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Tenderers must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Senior Accountant of the Kowloon-Canton Railway the sum of \$500.00 as a pledge of bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. The deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of \$5,000.00 as security for due and faithful performance of the contract.

Forms of tender and schedule of areas may be obtained from the Head Office, Kowloon-Canton Railway.

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A. E. PERRY  
Acting General Manager,  
Railway.

Hong Kong, August, 20 1948.

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The successful tenderer will be required to pay the purchase money to the Accountant-General, Colonial Treasury, Prince's Building, within 48 hours of the acceptance of his tender.

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J. WATSON

Acting Controller of Stores.  
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Applications for Interim Dividend Warrants should be made either personally or by letter to the Registered Office of the Company, Mezzanine Floor, Windsor House.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 2nd September, 1948, to 15th September, 1948, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

G. MILNE  
Secretary

Hong Kong, 17th August, 1948.

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Secretary

Hongkong, August, 18 1948.

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V. WALKER  
Acting General Manager  
Hong Kong August 20 1948.

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J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,  
Hong Kong, August 18, 1948.

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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authorities

## HIT THEIR BLIND SPOT

IF YOU FEEL that your opponents of the moment are likely to be creatures of habit, and especially if they are not too familiar with a certain kind of defence against a particular plan of play, it sometimes pays to aim at their blind spot. In some situations this can cost you the risk of a trick or two, but in others the attempt can be made without incurring a single solitary thing. If the latter applies, it would be simply silly, or lazy, or criminally negligent perhaps, not to make the effort.

S 10 7 5  
H 6  
D Q J 7 0 4 3  
C 7 3 2  
S 4 6  
H K 5 4 3  
D A K 2  
C J 0 5 4

Dealer South. East-West vulnerable.  
South West North East  
1 S Pass 2 D Pass  
3 H Pass 3 S Pass  
4 S

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(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)  
What bidding would you favor on this freak deal in a national tournament?

Now for the alternative adopted. If diamond leads were followed by defensive trump returns because of the heart singleton, the diamonds could be established and run. So after winning the club K with the A on the first trick, we led the diamond 9. The K won and the spade 6 was returned to the A. The diamond 6 was given to the A. If West now returned hearts and the dummy had to ruff once, our plan would be frustrated. But West sent back the spade 9, which the K won. The spade 4 to the 10 then cleared trumps and the four established diamonds furnished discards for all four hearts. Thus not only the contract, but an extra trick too, came home to Papa for a very fortunate top score. Of course a top-rank player in the West would have switched to hearts after the second diamond lead, despite possession of the K, and so would have set the contract. But it figured to be set anyway, so nothing was risked by this try.

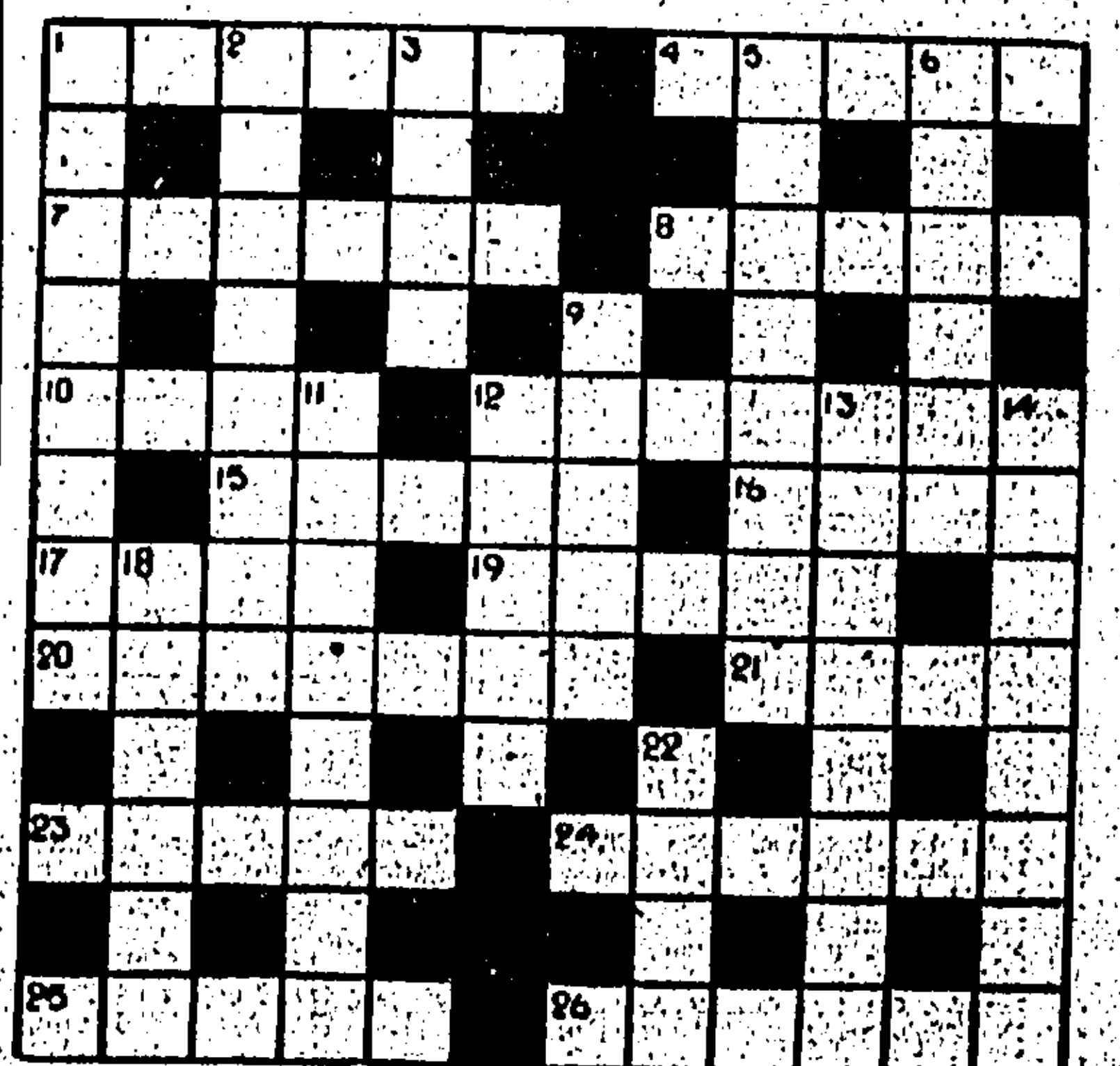
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## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



## Clues Across

1 Straight forward  
4 On the move  
7 Pierce  
8 It brings up  
12 Tramp  
15 Lawful  
16 At all times

## Clues Down

1 Doubt  
2 Disclosed  
3 Place of confinement  
5 Quell  
6 Mind  
9 Bundles  
11 Mental Jog  
12 Worth  
13 Inflicting retribution  
14 Excursion  
15 Place of worship  
16 Volume

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Foreword; 2 Custom; 3 Rattle; 4 Martin; 5 On; 6 Rattle; 7 Rattle; 8 Rattle; 9 Rattle; 10 Rattle; 11 Rattle; 12 Rattle; 13 Rattle; 14 Rattle; 15 Rattle; 16 Rattle; 17 Rattle; 18 Rattle; 19 Rattle; 20 Rattle; 21 Rattle; 22 Rattle; 23 Rattle; 24 Rattle; 25 Rattle.



# FRENCH TRADE UNIONISM BREAKS WITH GOVERNMENT DISAGREEMENT OVER POLICY

Paris, August 19.

The non-Communist National Trade Union Federations, representing about 2,500,000 workers, decided tonight to end their co-operation with the Government.

The non-Communist announced this in a joint communique attacking the Government.

It said: "This Government, like its predecessors, is showing itself impotent to undertake and carry out a policy in conformity with the interests of the country and of ensuring for the workers a stable purchasing power."

Their future policy and action will be decided by individual Trade Union Federations at meetings to be held next week.

The unions have been influenced in their decision to withdraw from their close co-operation with the Government by the growing unrest among the workers.

This has, for several weeks past, been fully exploited by the Communist General Confederation of Labour, which "declared war" on M. Paul Reynaud's economic plans from the beginning.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, M. Andre Marie, the non-Communist Trade Union Federations said tonight that they would wait until September 1 to examine the results obtained by the Government in its economic drive.

## "Anti-Constitutional"

The Political Bureau of the French Communist Party, which met here today, stated in a communique that the announced journey in the near future of M. Reynaud to Washington to take part in a meeting of the International Monetary Fund "foretells a fresh devaluation of the franc."

Such a devaluation, the communique said, could only result "in an increased cost of living, misery, ruin and the collapse of our industry and agriculture."

The Communist Party, called again for all-out action against M. Reynaud's "exorbitant and anti-constitutional" powers.

In a nationwide broadcast tonight, M. Reynaud told the French people that, for the first time in its history, France can only live on charity.

The Finance Minister appealed for unity and harder work to overcome the dangers of inflation.

## Grave Peril

"You do not suspect how grave is the peril which threatens us," he said. "From this month of August, 1948, France can no longer wait. We must act before the avalanche starts falling."

Warning against the insidious dangers of inflation, he pointed out that even if wages were raised ten-fold and production remained at present levels, not a single Frenchman would have any more goods than before.

"The danger threatens rich and poor alike. We are all in the same boat. We shall be saved or lost together," he declared.—Reuter.

## WINSTON GOING TO FRANCE

London, August 19. The former Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, plans to leave in the next day or two for a private visit to Aix-en-Provence, France.

While there as the guest of the American magazine Life and the New York Times, he will continue work on his war memoirs.—Associated Press.

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## Reds Pick On Afghanistan

New Delhi, August 19. Moscow Radio, broadcasting in Persian, "accused Afghanistan of 'gradually drifting towards the Anglo-American bloc and disregarding its immediate neighbour'."

Moscow Radio also accused Afghanistan of "deliberately blocking out important Russian news items concerning the interests of the people of Afghanistan, with a view to alienating them from their Russian brethren."—Associated Press.

## RUSSIA RULED OUT OF ORDER

Geneva, August 19.

Russia today, alleged that the non-Communist majority on the United Nations Economic and Social Council was violating the spirit of the United Nations.

The Russian delegate, A. Arutunian, vigorously protested against the Council's failure to re-elect some Communist candidates to membership of the United Nations functional commissions.

In a series of secret ballots yesterday and today the council appointed Denmark to replace Byelo-Russia on the human rights commission, Turkey to replace Czechoslovakia on the Social Commission, and Greece to replace Byelo-Russia on the Commission on the status of women.

After the final ballot the Russian delegate expressed strong disapproval of "a tendency to exclude from the commissions countries whose economic and social structure differs from that of the majority of members of the council."

This tendency, he declared, was due to the influence of the United States. "The Anglo-American majority on the council is violating the spirit of the United Nations," he asserted.

The Chairman, Mr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, ruled the Russian delegate's statement out of order.

The United States Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. William J. Thorp, and Chile's delegate, Mr. Herman Santa Cruz, both objected to the Russian statement which, they said, was "entirely without foundation."—Associated Press.

## PILOTS GO ON STRIKE

Sydney, August 19.

Twenty ships' pilots defied an industrial court order to return to work tonight, forcing luxury liners and smaller vessels to come and go from Sydney harbour without the aid of pilots or tug.

The British liner Strathnaver sailed for London without aid and became the first liner of her size to manoeuvre in Sydney harbour without tugs.

The Aorangi, making her first voyage as a passenger ship since the war, left for Vancouver under the navigational direction of the assistant harbour master.

Reconversion of the Aorangi following war service was recently completed at an estimated cost of £1,500,000.

Another London-bound liner forced to leave in similar circumstances was the Athenic.

Twenty pilots at Sydney and Newcastle are involved in the strike, which is for more pay and a shorter working week.—Associated Press.

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## TRUMAN HITS AT SPY HEARINGS

Washington, August 19.

President Truman today charged that the present Congressional "spy hearings" were an infringement of the Bill of Rights and of the civil liberties of the American citizen guaranteed by that document.

He made this charge at a press conference, while disclosing that his Administration was studying the possibility of introducing new and more stringent anti-spy laws.

He stressed, however, that the "spitting of such laws" was very difficult without infringing civil and individual rights.

"And I am against any Gestapo law," the President declared. "He also fully denied that any vital war secrets had 'leaked' or been 'carried out' from the United States Government during the war."

Attempts have been made at the Congressional hearings to show that certain members of the United States Government under the late President Roosevelt were involved in the so-called "Communist spy ring" and betrayed important secrets.

President Truman was asked his views of the significance of the case of Mrs. Kosenkina, the Soviet school teacher who threw herself out of a third-floor window of the Soviet Consulate in New York last week and was seriously injured.

"I think it indicates," Mr. Truman declared, "that there are a lot of people in Russia who believe in the freedom of the individual, just as the whole of the United States does."

The United States Government formally ruled today that there was no basis under international law or under any American law for considering that Mrs. Kosenkina was subject to the control or authority of the Soviet Government so long as she remains in this country.

The ruling was given in a letter to Mr. Samuel Dickstein, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, before whom an application for a writ of habeas corpus in respect of Mrs. Kosenkina is pending.—Reuter.

## TIBET MISSION FOR BRITAIN

New York, August 19. A five member trade mission from Tibet at present in the U.S. is leaving for Britain next month.

Only once before, in 1913, have Tibetans left their Himalayan-ward homeland for the West. Then four students visited Britain to study. Tibet wants manufactured products and machinery and gold to back her currency, said Tse, Pon Shakhappa, who heads the mission. Main Tibetan export is wool totalling up to \$1,000,000 worth per year.—Associated Press.

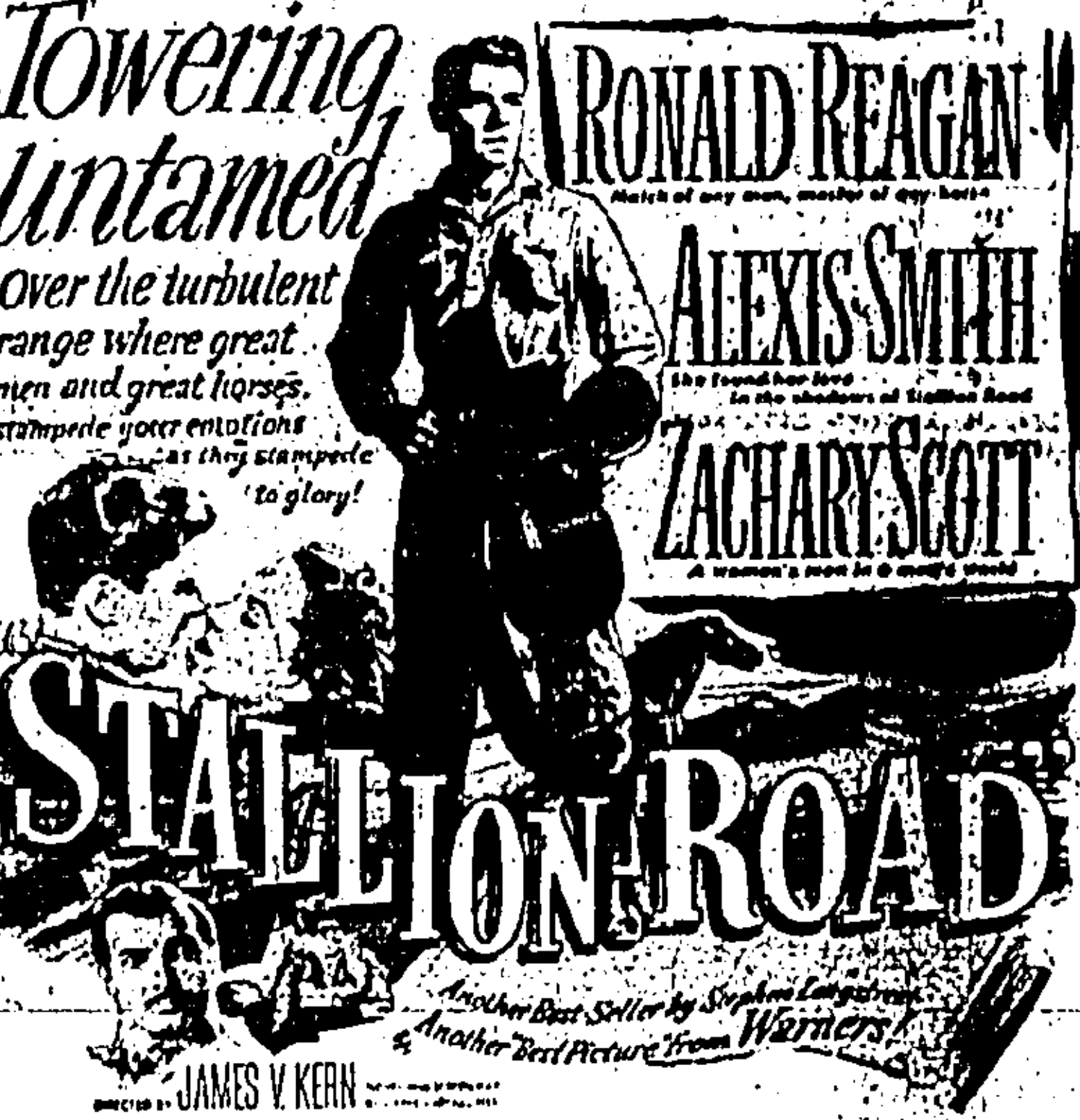
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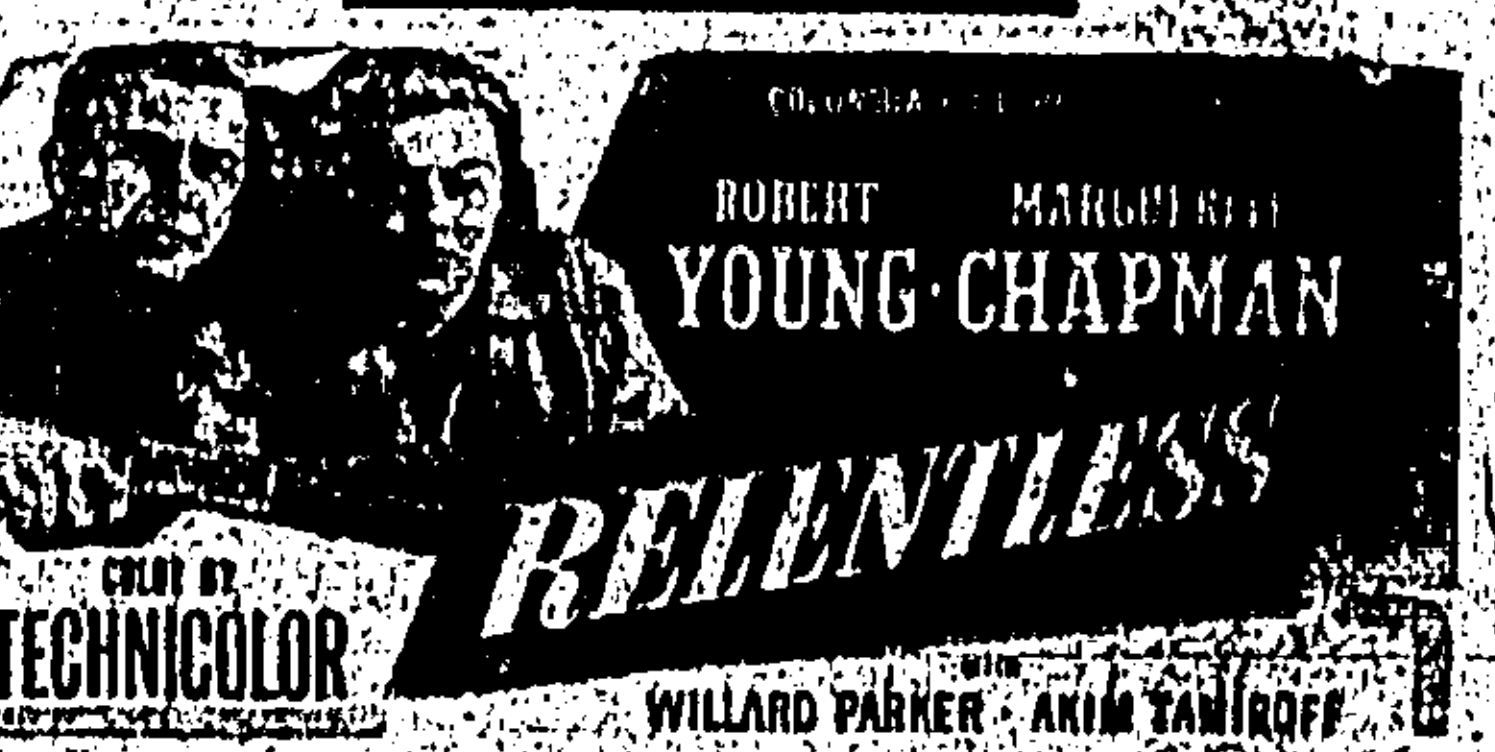
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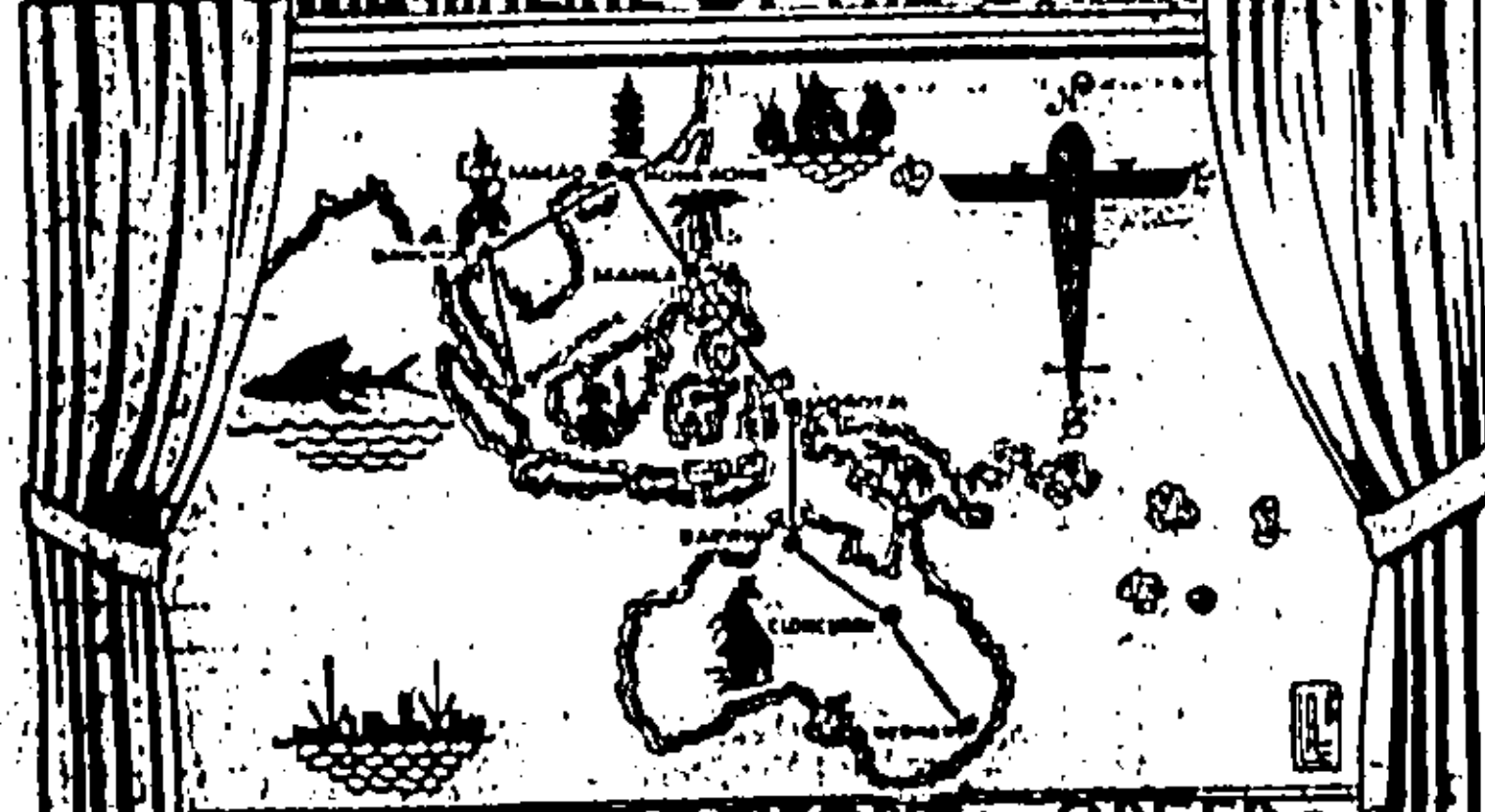
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## WAIT AND SEE

Nanking's sudden, though not entirely unexpected, decision to issue a new currency in China valued at the level approximately of the Hong Kong dollar has given rise to more excitement than enthusiasm, and a cautious reserve is obviously in order. With the theoretical wisdom of the move there will be general agreement. The pace and persistence of inflation and the total disappearance of confidence in the National Currency demanded drastic measures. These will, however, to achieve the results desired, call for more than the simple process of issuing a new paper currency, and exchanging it for the old at the rate of 3,000,000 for one. Unless the primary factors which gave the flight from CNC its initial impetus and kept it moving at an ever-accelerating pace are also dealt with, there seems nothing to prevent the new dollar from going the way of the old.

The Nanking statement promises such measures. Notably—after claiming reserves adequate to provide 100 per cent cover—a claim greeted with some degree of scepticism—a guarantee is given that the amount of the note issue will be strictly limited, and that uncontrolled use of the printing press will not in future be exploited to keep the Budget balanced. Reference is made also to further regulations designed to control trade movements in such a manner as to enable Government to get its hands on all foreign currency payments to China, and thereby protect the "Sun" dollar. What precisely this means remains to be disclosed, but if it is intended to close down further the normal channels of trade, the effect is likely to be more damaging than helpful.

In any case, the success of the new currency will finally depend whether or not the confidence of the mass of the public can be gained. A certain dilemma suggests itself here. Without that confidence, Nanking will be unable to get its hands on the additional reserves it needs to assure full backing of the currency. Without the reserves, public confidence is bound to be shaky. There would be happier prospects had the United States shown any disposition to provide China with a currency backing, but the suggestion has been treated coldly in Washington, and no change of heart is to be expected. On the other hand, substantial assistance in the initial stages may be provided by ECA contributions to China's economic welfare, provided the best and a proper use is made of America's generous aid.

We shall see what we shall see. For the moment, the Nanking Government is to be commended for a bold departure from a policy of half-measures. If it succeeds, there will be congratulations all round.

## FOLLY TO REFUSE

Commenting today on the situation in Burma and Malaya, the "Anglo-Indian Mail" says: "Neither India nor Pakistan can view with complacency developments in the territory of their Eastern neighbour. Adding to the Burma Government's feverish appeal to India for military assistance, it would be folly for India to refuse such assistance."



Effect of the Olympic Games on Brighton Beach.

## SHADOW OF THE WATER BEAST

What promised to be a major engagement—between the landowners, farmers, and peasants of an English valley and the majestic semi-State organisation of the Metropolitan Water Board—has petered out at Newbury, Berkshire, in a mere ten minutes of formal discussion.

But the battle has not been abandoned. It has only been postponed. And the Sams who live in the valley are still ready to pick up their muskets and fight to the bitter end against what they poetically style the Water Beast.

The Water Beast is a scheme, now under consideration, to turn the valley into a storage reservoir. It would, if inaugurated, cost £20,000,000; it would, when complete, hold 55,000,000 gallons of water; it would, if sanctioned, "drown" nine square miles of lush, fertile, and lovely country and inundate the land of 108 farmers who now produce:

Milk for 33,929 people;  
Meat for 12,364;  
Eggs for 32,859;  
Bread for 10,776;  
Bacon for 10,805.

Key to the whole scheme is the Emborne, a tributary of the Thames that divides Berkshire from Hampshire. The scheme, first mooted in 1904 and subsequently shelved until a couple of months ago, involves damming the Emborne and filling up the low-lying ground by the natural flow of the stream, plus a vast pumping establishment set up at Pangbourne.

London's Thirst To get down to fundamentals, it is certain that London needs the water which will be stored in the Emborne Valley, if the scheme goes through.

The march of civilisation has made water essential in ever-increasing quantities: first, because London is still growing; secondly, because more and more people are using it. Today the daily bath is a commonplace. Workmen's dwellings, council houses, even "prefabs" are fitted with running water and bathrooms.

It is certain that London needs the water; and, to do them justice, the valley folk do not grudge it. What they do grudge is that it should be necessary to "drown" them to wash London.

Very much as the people in Piltchery, while in full favour of a hydro-electric scheme in principle, yet considered that their river should not be dammed for the purpose of storing the lives of the people of Stevenage agreed that satellite towns were desirable, just so long as Stevenage was not "messed about"—even the Emborne Valley folk are banding together, setting up committees, organising meetings, trying to arouse public opinion, invoking the aid of an (honorary) public

relations officer to quash the scheme—which undeniably has its "hard cases."

Farmer Tom Mundy, for instance, has held up urgent building lest his be swamped, and declares sublimely: "We all be captains of our land and'll go down with it."

Cottager Ralph Chubb stoutly maintains: "I'd take an army to move us," and "At my age

By GUY RAMSEY

(36) it wouldn't be worth while to start again."

Septuagenarian George Moore and his wife have been warned against putting a headstone on the grave of their son who was killed in the war what use to mark a grave under 150ft. of water?

Testing The Soil Fantastic stories are current in the valley. The locals believe that as soon as the word "Go" is given the waters will flow over the land, and as in a Mississippi flood, only a church spire here and there will be left to poke a derisive finger at the sky above the waste of desolate liquid.

This is nonsense. A reservoir cannot be constructed unless the soil is suitable. Permission to test the suitability was the subject of the anti-climatic meeting yesterday.

It was granted on the strict understanding that the right to bore holes to see what the soil

was like did not carry with it approval of the scheme—and the war is still to come.

If the soil is deemed suitable the scheme has first formally to be approved by the Water Board, and then parliamentary sanction has to be obtained. It is here that the major engagement will be fought.

Lord Teviot, Sir William Mount, and Mr. A. N. Hurd, Tory M.P. for Newbury, are the generals in charge of the valley campaign; while the army consists of every manjack of the valley folk, who have a solid, centuries-old affection for their soil.

## Then The Wrangles

Then, if parliamentary approval is given, will come the wrangles over compensation over the provision of alternative accommodation and alternative land to work, and the resettlement of valley folk in their new habitat.

Finally, the whole area, (like that of Silent Valley in the Mountains of Mourne) will be gutted of its buildings.

The alternative scheme, eagerly proposed by Lord Teviot and the valley, but provisionally turned down by the Board on the ground of expense, is the running of a pipeline from the Welsh mountains, which they maintain, would cost no more, and would, in addition, provide hydro-electric power.

On the relative merits of the two schemes the Water Board are silent; it would, they say, be premature to discuss any technical details "at this stage."

## WAR REVELATION

## ROOSEVELT PROPOSED DAIREN SCHEME

New York, August 19.

The secret papers of Harry L. Hopkins today revealed that the late President Roosevelt at Tcheeran first suggested to Premier Josef Stalin the possibility that Russia might have access to the port of Dairen in Manchuria after the war to help meet the Soviet need for warm water ports.

Robert E. Sherwood, who edited Hopkins' papers for Colliers Magazine, emphasised that President Roosevelt first broached the idea at Tcheeran "and not at Yalta."

Stalin immediately expressed the opinion that China would object to this proposal but President Roosevelt said he thought they would agree.

Mr. Hopkins said, "We Americans do not want sovereignty over

## Who Controls Policy In Germany

By WALTER LIPPMANN

"We must deplore the fact that we have been obliged to retreat in the face of Soviet pressure at the time of the spectacular Berlin crisis. But the revelation of our policy should not be regretted for it has never reflected the real views and judgment of those who are supposed to direct the foreign policy of the United States."

Although it was inaugurated by the American Ambassador to London, the promoter of German policy was General Clay, with the advice of his Berlin colleagues, his immediate superiors at the "Pentagon" (Mr. Draper and Mr. Royall), in particular, British officials in Germany and those in the Foreign Office. The basic conception of this policy is in absolute contradiction to the agreement reached by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Bidault at Moscow in the spring of 1947. They agreed then that the organisation of Germany should be an integral part of the organisation of Europe, and that the restoration of German Government should follow, but not precede, the realisation of European unity.

But Mr. Marshall has never succeeded in taking the lead in our German policy. General Clay, like General MacArthur, has played the part of an independent power, consulting, descending to deal with the State Department from time to time, but never in the position of one to whom orders could be given. This situation arose under the administration of Mr. Byrnes who, occupied on the one hand with his negotiations with the former Axis satellites and lost in his admiration for General Clay on the other, never could or would place German policy under State Department control.

## Not So

Considering that he himself is a general of great renown, one would have thought that Mr. Marshall would have declared his authority over all the other generals. But it was not so and, as a result, the policy which determined our success in the international field, has never been put into practice. Perhaps the steps which have had to be taken to get out of it will have finally convinced Mr. Marshall.

## LANE NORCOTT

Glimpses into the world of tomorrow  
No. 1: How to get your hair out

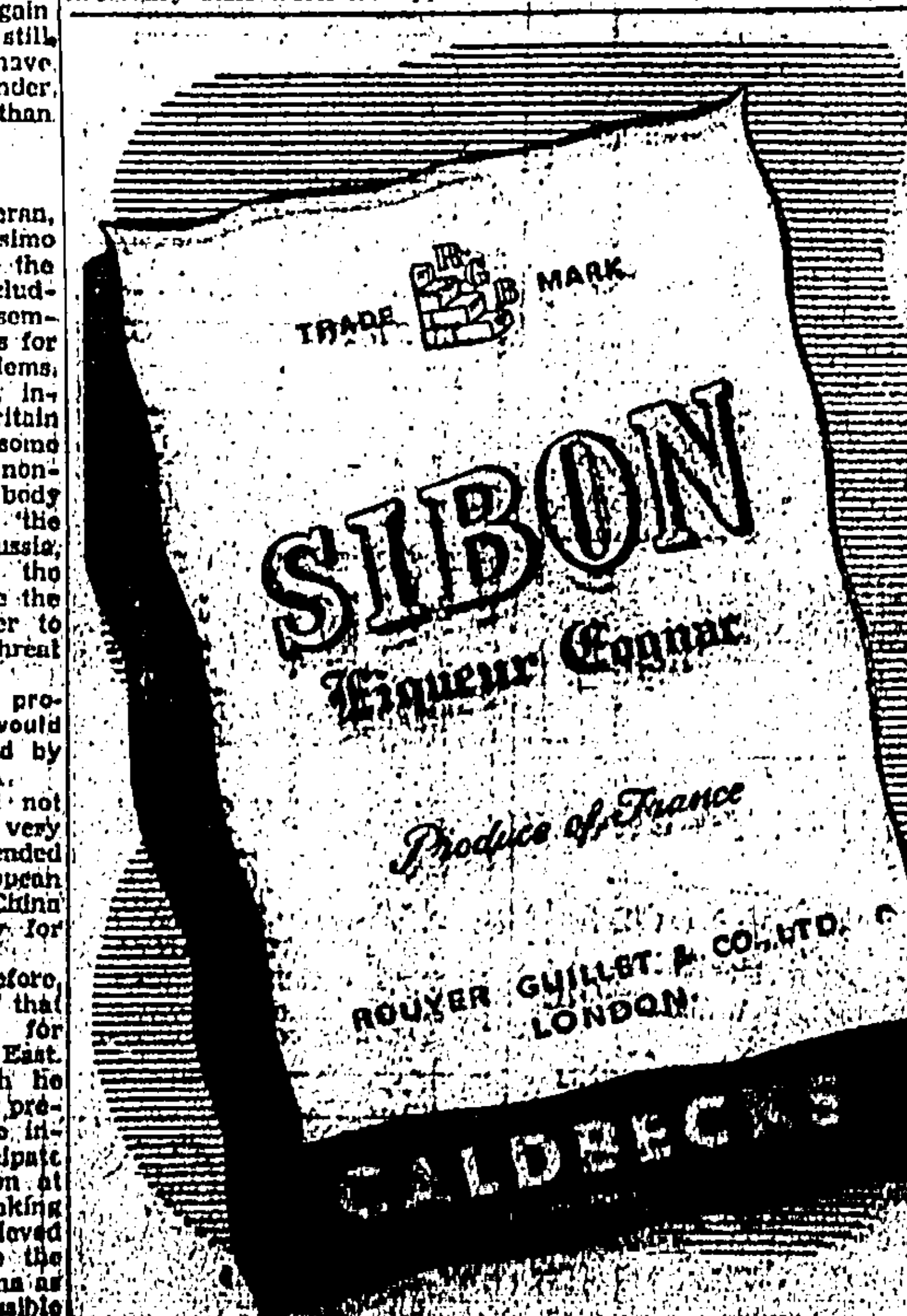
Under Section H of the Health Service Act, which was amended in 1907, following the nationalisation of the Hairdressing Industry, every citizen has the right to have his hair cut in the approved regulation style free of charge at his local "State-Hairdressing Clinic."

Para. 5 of Section H reads: "The hair of the male shall be clipped close to the skull, except in the area immediately above the forehead, where it is permissible to train it in a Morrian quiff to a length not exceeding four inches."

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# CHINA'S NEW CURRENCY

## Varying Reaction To The New Sun Dollar

### Confidence Of The People Paramount Factor

Shanghai, August 20: A group of 25 local Government and Kuomintang officials and industrial businessmen left for Nanking last night to attend a conference with the Premier, Dr. Wang Wen-hao, regarding the new currency reform promulgated yesterday.

## READY TO RELEASE RAF JET

Berlin, August 19. The Russians tonight informed the British authorities in Berlin that they were ready to hand over the Vampire jet fighter which had made a forced landing inside the Russian Zone on Monday. The plane was followed by a truck from the British Zone to collect the plane and its pilot would be notified late tonight or early tomorrow, the Soviet authorities stated.

The Russians tonight protested the American authorities that the American lift planes were flying directly over the Soviet headquarters in Karlshorst. In the Soviet sector of Berlin, at a height of about 300 feet. The protest was made by the Russian controller in the four-power air safety centre.

A high American official, commenting on the Russian protest, said: "The legal course for the lift planes happens to take them right over Karlshorst. It is just very annoying for the high Soviet officers to have a big American plane roaring over their heads."

Readings proved conclusively, however, that our planes seldom fly lower than 500 metres in that vicinity. Our pilots are perhaps understandably timid about taking risks over Russian controlled territory.—Reuter.

## BURMESE NAVY GOES INTO ACTION

Rangoon, August 19. Burmese navy craft shelled both river banks of Wataya village, 25 miles north-west of Rangoon today, inflicting "heavy casualties" on rebels who have been holding out there for nine days, said an official communique.

Burmese planes swept in and machine-gunned the area from low altitude, said the communique, reporting that today's attack resulted in the heaviest reverse yet suffered by the rebels in this battle.

Wataya village is believed to be the main headquarters of the renegade union military police who multiplied and went over to the Communists last week.

The communique said that four navy vessels participated in the combined land, air and river attack. The insurgents were now being shelled by planes as they fled to the jungle for shelter.

Two naval men were wounded and the navy is now patrolling the area, the communique added.

Burmese planes also machine-gunned motor vessels and steam launches seized by the rebels at place 16 miles south of Bogaie, important rice centre in the delta, the communique announced. Many river craft were sunk, it said.

Meanwhile, irrigation dams at four places in the Shwedo district, north west of Mandalay, have been destroyed by insurgents, the announcement said, adding that rebel troops are being routed by loyal Burmese soldiers.—Associated Press.

## CZECHS AID PAKISTAN

Karachi, August 19. Pakistan has agreed to allow Czechoslovakia to set up a network of 13 light engineering factories in Pakistan. Czechoslovakia will provide the capital and running costs for about 10 years while Czechoslovak technicians will man the factories.

After training the Pakistanis, they will hand over control of the industries to the Pakistan Government.—Reuter.

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## Yeat's Last Wishes

London, August 19. The Eire corvette Maeva will leave Cork on Sunday for Dublin on the first stage of her trip to Southern France to bring back the body of William Butler Yeats, Irish poet who died near Menton in 1939.

A Government representative will join the corvette at Dublin and she will then sail for France via Gibraltar next Wednesday.

The corvette will return to Bilgo, where the poet's body will be buried in accordance with his last wishes.—Associated Press.

## WASTE OF PAPER

Shanghai, August 20. The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury said the Finance Bureau has mailed to residents here a tax advice in triplicate for CN\$45,000—"not enough to buy a package of peanuts."

The "Post" figured that the cost of three sheets of paper an envelope, and postage totaled CN\$240,000—a loss of CN\$200,000.

"Multiply that figure by the number of taxpayers in this city," the Post said, "and you get an idea why the city is piling up a back-breaking deficit."

Then the Post added editorially: "We have nothing against the concubine system although we don't happen to use it ourselves. We feel, however, that concubines can be financially productive if someone starts a tax system levying the equivalent of U.S.\$2,000 for each new one. We feel people should be allowed to acquire the latest models as long as they kick in a contribution to the National Treasury."—Associated Press.

## Some Doubts

However, some months ago the State Department in making proposal to Congress on the then proposed ECA China aid programme estimated China's official gold holdings to be about U.S. \$85,000,000 and that in silver about U.S. \$28,000,000.

Officials here said these may be the monetary reserves that China is placing behind the new currency.

Fiscal officials said such a currency plan for China "probably would be a step in the right direction," but doubted if it will solve China's currency problems.

Officials here held to the view that basic issues in China's depreciating currency are an unbalanced budget and the unbalanced in her international payments.

Behind these issues is the civil war which is taking an estimated 85 per cent of the Chinese budget and causing further budget deficiencies.

The State Department said during Congressional hearings on the ECA-China aid programme that silver might be a desirable metal backing for China currency. It said such a backing would require large amounts of silver.—Reuter and Associated Press.

## India's Signature "Valueless"

Trunkhals, Kashmir, August 20.

Sardar Mohamed Ibrahim Khan, President of the "Free Kashmir" Government which now has its headquarters here, today declared that his Government could "not accept India's signature as having any moral value" in a cease-fire pact.

"The faith of India must be assessed in the light of her past observance of pacts before we enter into a cease-fire agreement with her," he said.

"India approached us for a cease-fire agreement on March 20. The negotiations reached a stage when we, on our side, ordered a cease-fire on all fronts. The India military authorities, likewise, issued orders to their forces, operating in Kashmir. The order was, however, suddenly reversed by India on March 25. 'We must, therefore, ask for something more than the mere word of India.'—Reuter

## MARGARET--A PROPOSAL?

London, August 19. Buckingham Palace sources today denied published reports that the Marquess of Blandford would propose to Princess Margaret Rose on Saturday, her 18th birthday.

The widely-circulated Evening Standard today published reports from the French newspaper L'Aurore that the 22-year-old Marquess of Blandford would make a proposal of marriage to the Princess on Saturday at Balmoral, under the headline "Margaret—a proposal?"

British newspapers recently paid an unusual amount of attention to the Marquess and the Princess. They printed pictures of the young peer and gossiped about the pair in their columns. On Tuesday, the Marquess was pictured with his sister, Lady Rosemary Spencer-Churchill, on their way to Balmoral to stay with the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.

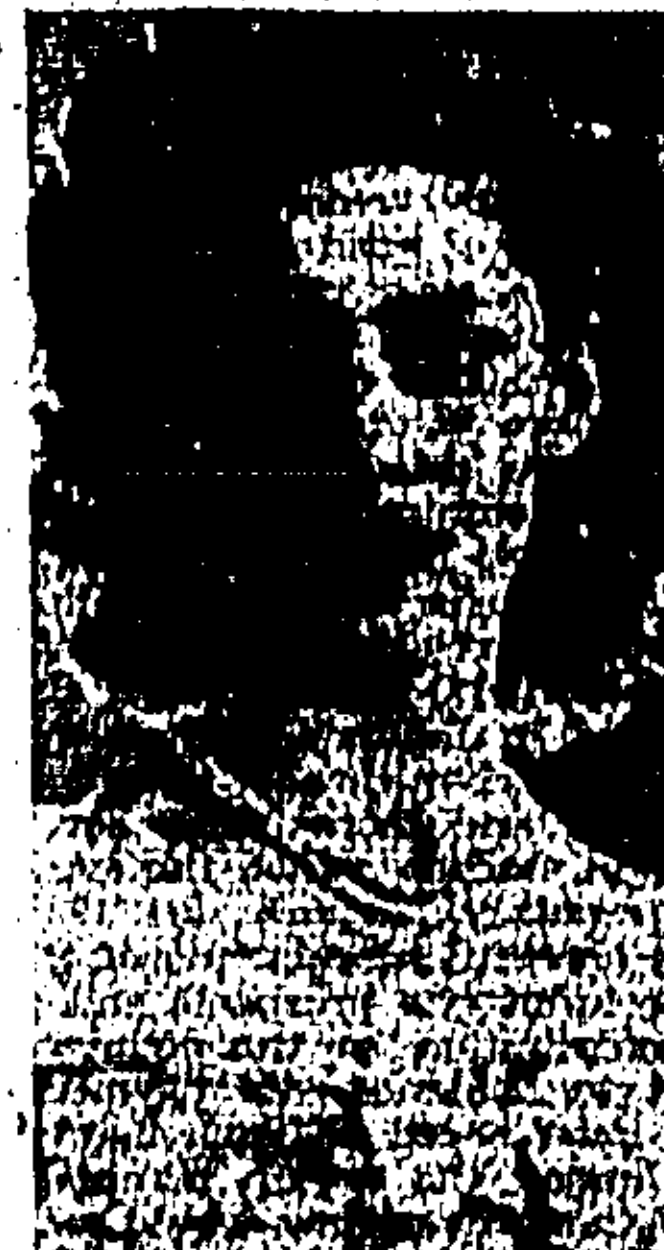
About two weeks ago, the newspaper Paris Soir carried a story on the probable engagement of the Princess and the tall blonde son and heir of the Duke of Marlborough.

Buckingham Palace sources today, however, slapped down these published reports. "We know nothing about it. It is totally untrue, and as far as we know, the Marquess is just one of the Princess's many friends," said a press assistant.

In the past months, Princess Margaret's name had been linked with Prince George of Denmark, the Marquess of Milford Haven, and Lord Dorchester, Derby and Ogilvy. Lord Derby has since married and it is generally known that the King will not give his permission to an official engagement until Princess Margaret reaches her 20th birthday.

Friends of Princess Margaret, frown on the reports and they say that the Princess is a gay, witty teen-ager and the Marquess a dull, rather puffy-faced British aristocrat.

There are a number of young men besides the Marquess staying at Balmoral over the week-end.



PRINCESS MARGARET

and Princess Margaret is known to be on affectionate terms with many of them.

A near friend of the Duchess of Marlborough—mother of the Marquess—said today that there is no talk of an engagement in Woodstock, Marlborough's village. Admittedly the Princess had attended parties at Balmoral Palace "but then so have many other young girls," she added.—United Press.

## PRINCESS TO FLY

London, August 19. Princess Margaret will fly to Holland when she attends the forthcoming installation of Princess Juliana as Queen of the Netherlands.

She will be accompanied by the Duke of Beaufort, the Countess of Halifax, Lady Margaret Egerton and Wing Commander Townsend.

The party will leave for Holland on Sunday, September 6.—Associated Press.

## West German Assembly

Wiesbaden, August 19. The West German Constituent Assembly will hold its first meeting in the Rhine University town of Bonn in the British Zone on September 3 to approve a Constitution for the combined three Western Zones.

Representatives of the Allied Military Governments and Catholic and Protestant clergy will attend.

The Minister Presidents of the West German States, who are convening the Assembly, announced today that on the two preceding days they will meet at Mönchengladbach to approve the first instalment of the rearrangement of the State boundaries.—Reuter.

## COMMISSION OF CHURCHES

Ziel, August 19. A possibility that Sir John Foster, Dulles may become United States Secretary of State, today brought deferment in the election of Vice-presidents for the Commission of Churches on International Affairs.

The commission prepared the agenda yesterday for discussion of international problems at the World Council of Churches conference in Amsterdam next week.

The commission agreed upon its members, list comprising 30 representatives from countries throughout the world.—United Press.

## FILMS COMPETING FOR AWARDS

Venice, August 19. The world's best motion pictures competed here today for awards in the Venice film festival.

Great Britain drew the honour of opening the ninth international cinematographic art show with "The Red Shoes," a technicolour adaptation of Hans Andersen's fairy tale of a Ballet girl and her bewitched dancing slippers.

In afternoon and evening performances during the next two weeks, a total of 46 feature films will be presented by 13 nations.

Some 50 documentary films will also compete for special honours including reels from Palestine, India and South Africa.

In all, 16 countries representing all the world's major film producing nations except Russia, are entered. Over 100,000 metres of film will be shown representing productions of Britain, the United States, Austria, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Poland, France, Switzerland, French Morocco, Argentina, Belgium and Sweden.

Among the American films are "Louisiana Story" and "Double Life" which will be shown on Friday. "Duel in the Sun," "Big Clock," "Gentlemen's Agreement," "The Treasure of Sierra Madre," "Macbeth" and Walt Disney's "Melody Time."

Britain's "Hamlet" and France's "La Bataille de l'Eau Lourde" (Battle of Heavy Water) are among the others.

## Russians Meet Resistance

Berlin, August 19. The Social Democratic Councilors of Berlin's Central Business District boycotted today a Borough Council meeting called to discuss a Russian order on emergency housing.

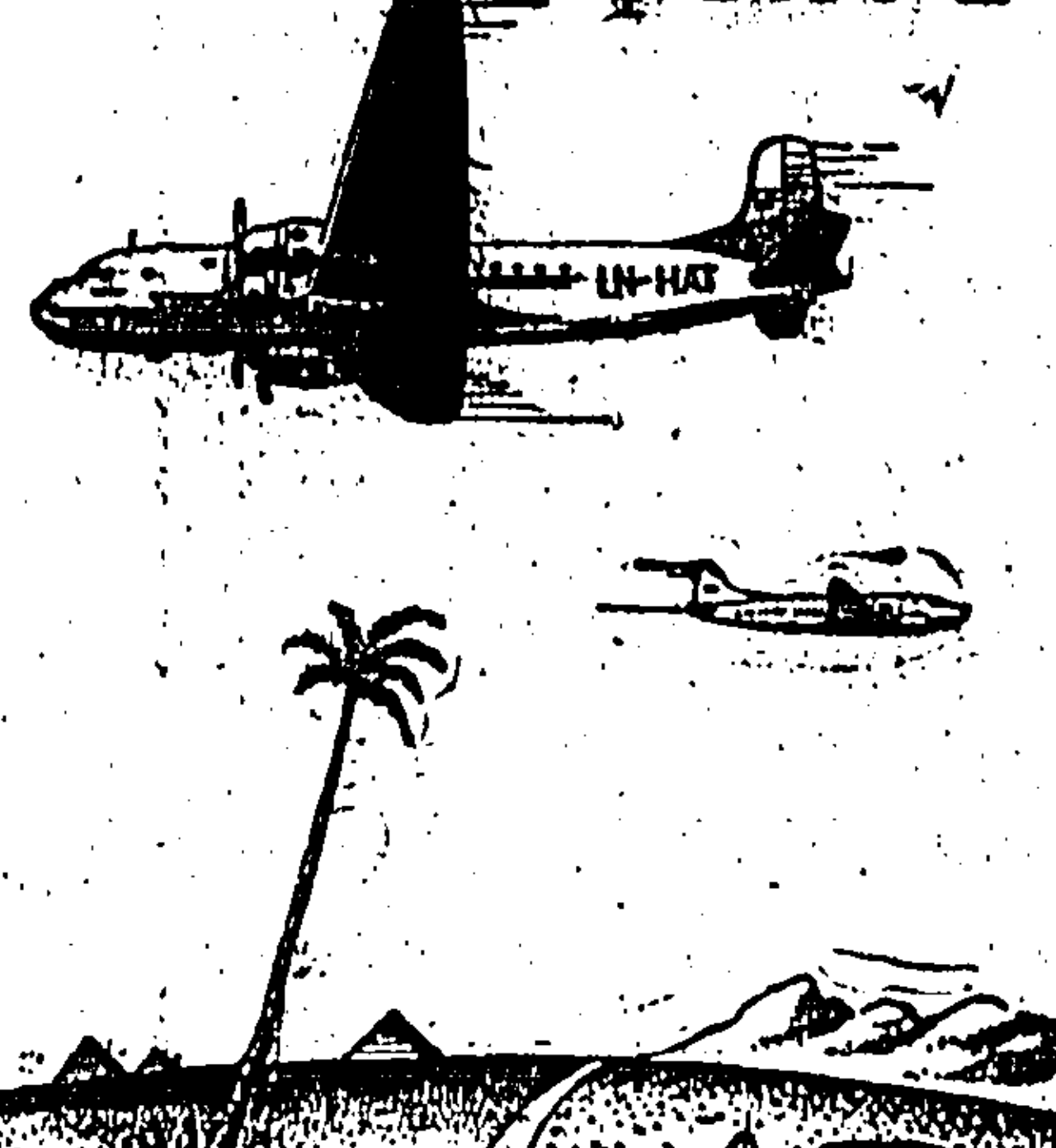
This first example of the Social Democratic passive resistance to the Russians during the present crisis, meant that the Council could not form a quorum, and the meeting it was postponed.

The Russians, two days ago, summarily dismissed Robert Riedel, the Social Democratic head of the Borough Housing Department, for sabotaging Russian orders for the repair of bomb-damaged buildings.—Reuter.

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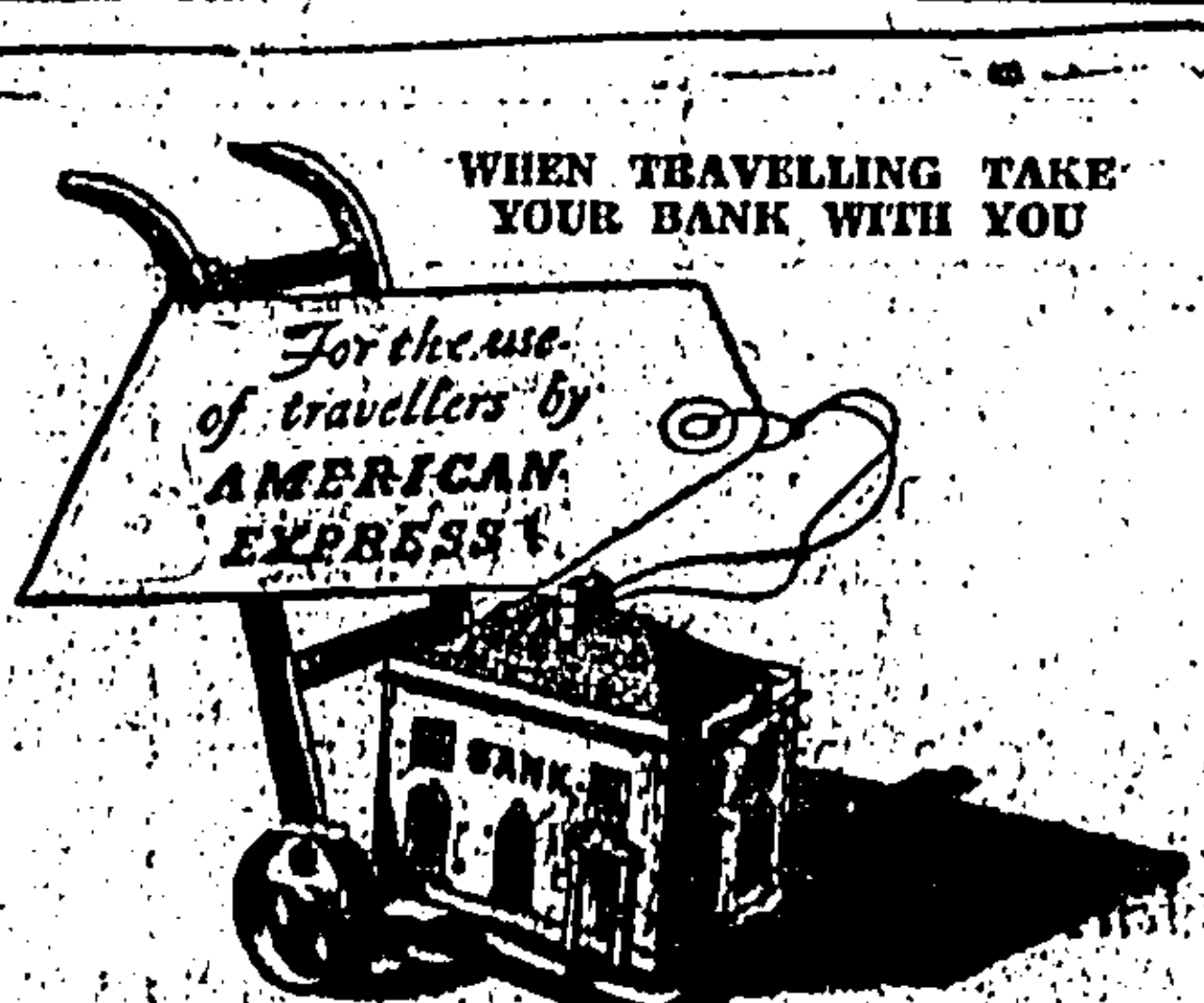
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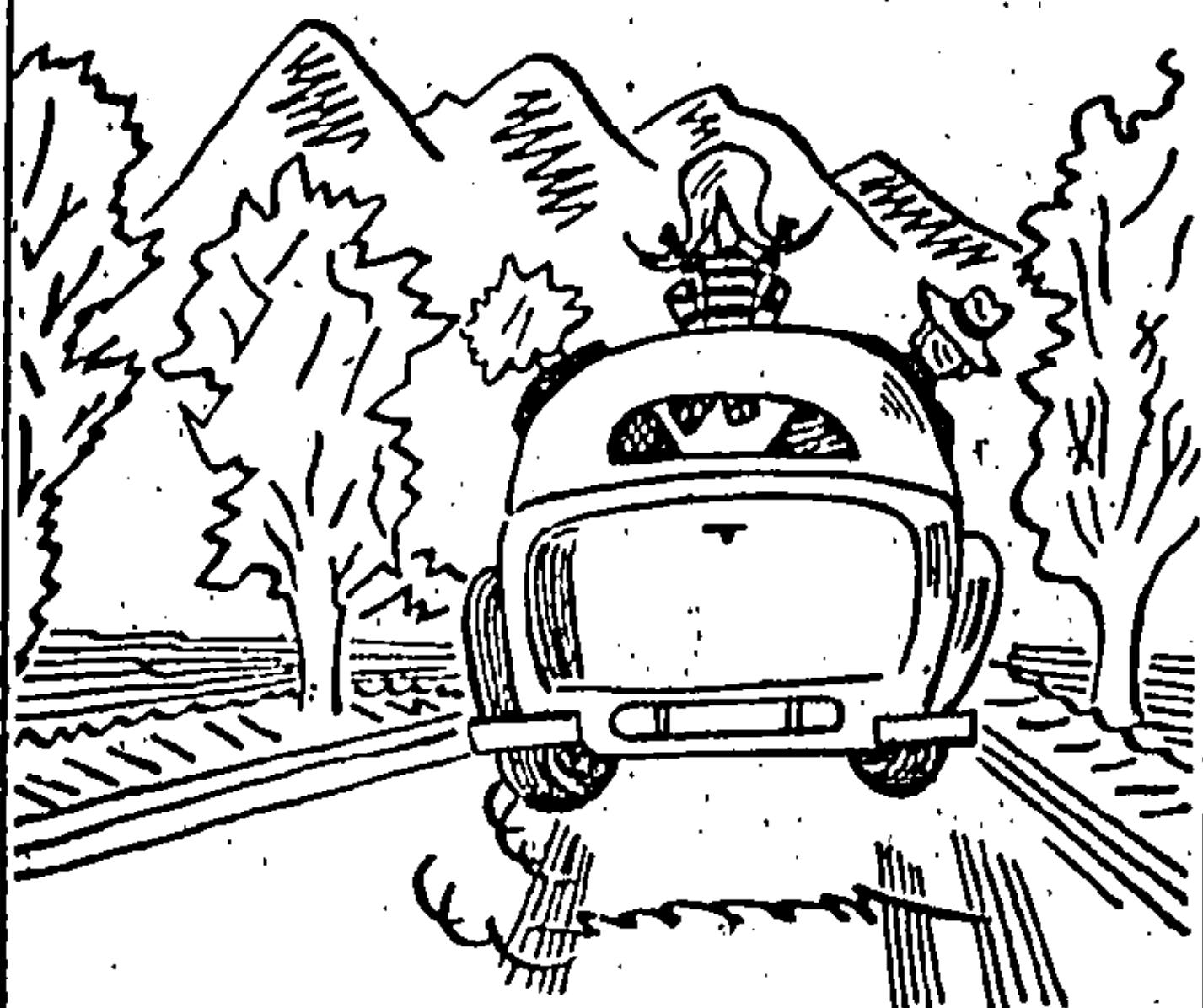
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# MOToring NEWS AND VIEWS

## What Britain's Car Export Figures Betray

The British motor-car industry has had a good deal of success in the past twelve months in selling its cars abroad. It exported 143,000 cars in 1947—57,000 more than in 1946, and 75,000 more than in 1938. This excluded commercial vehicles and motor parts, both of them substantial exports, too. The monthly rate of export (11,000 on an average over 1947) rose through the year, and in January, 1948, it was 16,129—nearly three times in number, and more than seven times in sterling value, the average monthly export in 1938. Some cheerful assessments of the motor industry's prospects and of its contribution to the country's effort to balance its payments have been based on such figures. But among the motor manufacturers themselves, few would read into last year's trade any assurance that the industry is established beyond question as a large-scale exporter.

If the trade figures are examined closely, three main points emerge. The 16,129 British cars exported in January (assembled cars, un-assembled cars, and chassis) brought in £4,282,000, an average price per unit of £265 10s. 6d. Ten years ago 5,084 cars (the average monthly export in 1938) brought in £265,000, or £52 10s. 6d. each f.o.b. Average export prices look modest, but they have still to be augmented by freight charges, duties, and distributor's margins. What matters is that today's f.o.b. price is in general two and a half times higher than in 1938, and has not finished rising, but even if it has, the average price of a car has gone up, and the prices of materials and labour at home have gone up too. But the complaint that British cars are too dear for what they are is an old and serious complaint. Has any progress been made towards

meeting it? Are the cars, perhaps, bigger and better than they were before the war?

### Few Innovations

There is nothing to suggest that they are. In design, it is generally agreed that, with a few exceptions, British cars produced since the war do not show any important innovations. In material and finish, motor manufacturers have to meet the same difficulties as all industrial producers in this country. As to size, Engineering pointed out recently that 77 per cent of British cars produced in 1935, 80 per cent in 1947, were cars of 12 hp or below. British cars (or, at any rate, their engines) have thus been getting smaller, not bigger. This general fact is even more marked in the export figures for January, which show that, of the 16,129 cars and car chassis exported, no less than 13,591 (or 84 per cent) were cars of less than 1,600 cc—that is, by the old taxation rating, cars of 12 hp or less. It is worth noting that in production for the home market the preponderance of light cars, through still considerable, is less (5,641 out of 8,392; or 67 per cent of the total). Since this is unlikely to be due to indifference for the comfort of the British motorist, it is presumably caused by foreign unwillingness to pay the high prices for the large British cars. For the British motor industry has yet to build a car with a large engine at a moderate price, or a car with a medium-sized engine at a low price. The latter is a tax-effective in stifling any ambitions of that sort. The new Standard two-litre "Vanguard" is probably the first British car of medium power to be designed for large-scale production. It should have a further cost advantage from the making of its engine design with that of the Ferguson tractor.

### Where?

To assess the importance of the motor industry's part in redressing the British payment deficit, the next step is to consider where British cars are sold. Do they earn dollars? Analysis of British car exports by destinations reveals some curious facts. Exports destinations include the Channel Islands, which took 2,411 British cars in 1947—more than twice as many as the 1,127 cars sold in the United States. But exports to the United States were outnumbered also by Malta (1,140) and

## Car For A Paratrooper

When a mine explosion in Halifax last 20-year-old Birmingham paratrooper, Thomas Charles Charlton, Scoutmaster and former Birchfield Harriers' athlete, both his legs, life seemed to hold little prospect. He soon showed, however, the grit and determination common to British scouts and army men. He earned to get about. Finally, he was able to resume his duties of Assistant Scoutmaster and Rover Scout with his Troop in Erdington, Birmingham.

He has gone with them to their camp at Lichfield. Whilst there he learned that he is to receive the gift of a brand-new Austin car, contributions towards which have come from the Austin Company, the Birmingham Services Victoria Fund in conjunction with the Airborne Forces Benevolent Association, the British Legion, and the Red Cross.

He was informed of the award by letter from Councillor Ivor Thomas, who wrote: "I am happy to tell you that very shortly the Lord Mayor will be presenting you with a brand-new Austin car specially manufactured for you and paid for. Promise me you won't get too excited and don't start record-breaking stunts. Keep to the left and you will be all right. The car is of special design suited to legless drivers and is fitted with the latest driving aids. Charlton joined the Parachute Regiment when he was eighteen. He volunteered for duties in Palestine, and had been there about two years when the explosion occurred, resulting in the loss of his legs below the knees.

Hongkong (1,517), and closely rivalled by Trinidad and Tobago (1,018) and Nigeria (1,072). The British Commonwealth, in fact, took 87,000 of the 143,000 British cars exported in 1947. Canada (only 1,958) and South Africa (9,622) can be subtracted as being hard-currency countries, but still more than half the exports of British cars earn, not dollars, but sterling. Australia (10,178) and New Zealand (14,327) are the two biggest customers in the list.

What of the foreign destinations? Belgium (12,215) comes first, with Switzerland (6,000) next; they are both two useful currency-earners. Then come Sweden, Portugal, the Netherlands, Argentina (3,510), Norway, Denmark, and Germany. Some of these countries it should be mentioned, imported considerable numbers of British commercial vehicles in addition to private cars. A list of all products of the motor industry would show a somewhat different order. It would remain true, however, that the preponderance of sales (about 75 per cent) is to sterling and soft-currency countries. British cars sell, but they sell most easily where dollars are scarce.

### Reverse Order

Indeed, the motor-car industry is dependent on the shortage of dollars in many overseas countries to maintain its sales. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders made the point in its report to the Minister of Supply last September:

Many countries will presumably not be able to buy as many cars as previously. In contrast, sterling should be freely available, particularly following the recent suspension of free convertibility of current sterling. Such conditions should confer an advantage next year on British car exporters and perhaps in some cases neutralise the price differential.

The report went on to say that "the industry could not be content with such an artificial and insecure advantage." Not only is the advantage insecure; it has the drawback of being useless in the markets which Britain most urgently needs to capture—the dollar markets. If British cars are to earn dollars, they must be bought for choice, not from necessity, by people who are free to buy American cars instead if they wish. Is there any sign of British cars achieving that kind of success?

### Limited Demand

There is, unfortunately, only one answer to this question at the moment. No doubt there is a demand for the light car even in dollar countries. It is a limited demand, but it exists. But the light car is expected to be a great deal cheaper than the British car is at present, and unless it is very cheap indeed, a great deal is expected of it. An American pub-

## New Nuffield Record

A new export was created by Nuffield Exports, Ltd., recently when 1,553 cars and trucks, valued at £500,000 were shipped in 5 days.

Among the shipments to hard currency countries were 100 M.G.s which left Manchester Docks on one boat for Los Angeles and a similar quantity of cars and trucks despatched on another vessel to Canada from the London Docks.

Other interesting cargoes during the week were 150 cars and trucks to Australia, sent from Hull on a grain boat, which would, otherwise, have returned empty, a consignment of 75 vehicles from Birkenhead for the new market which is being established in Java, and 50 Morris 10-cwt. vans from the London Docks to Finland—the first post-war consignment to that country.

Other boats in the same week left Liverpool, Southampton, Weymouth, Bristol and London loaded with vehicles for South Africa, India, Egypt, Sweden, Belgium, Elre, and the Channel Islands.

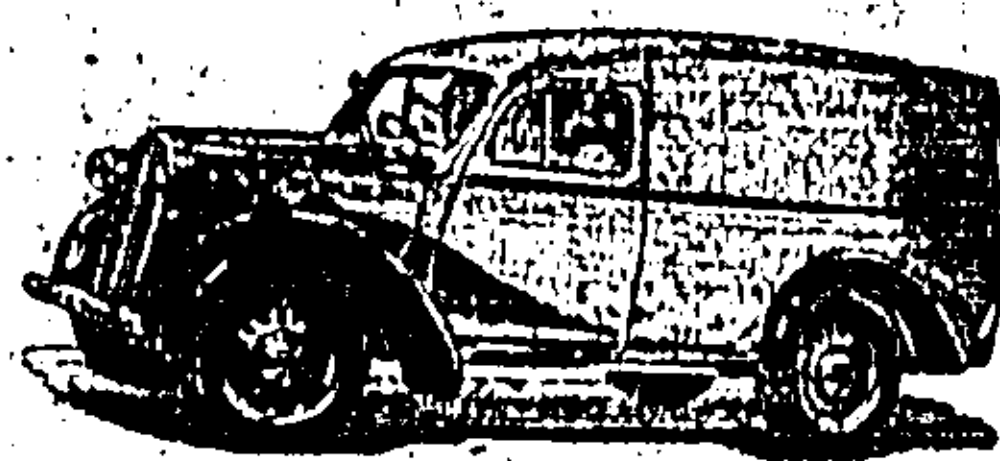
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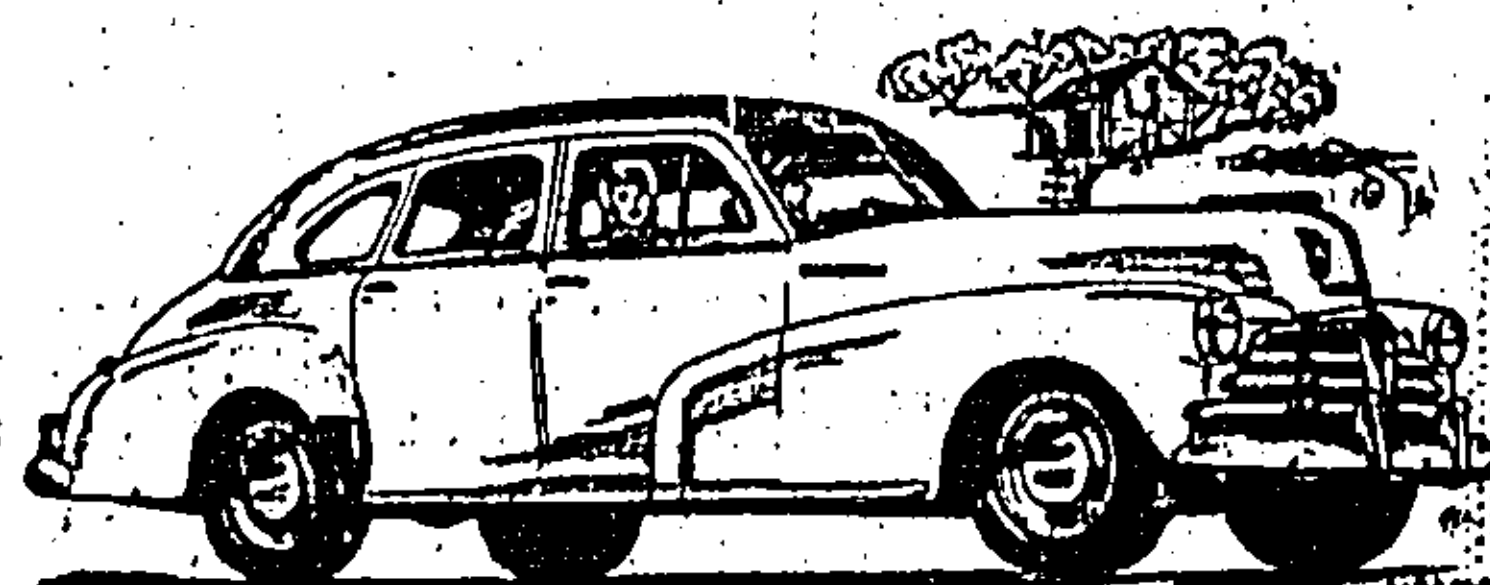
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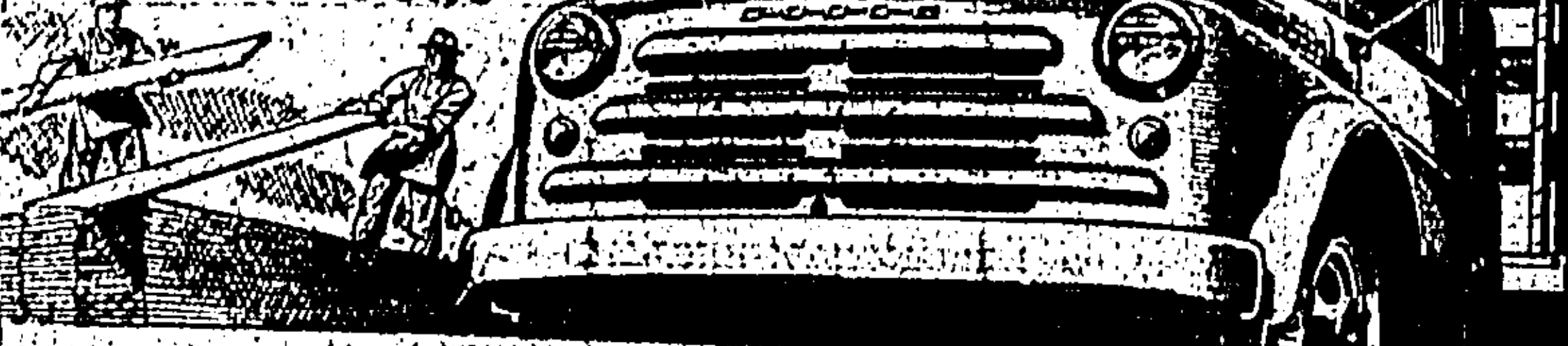
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# MOSCOW TALKS DRAG ON

## New Approach To Russian Government

### Decisive Meeting To Be Held With Stalin

London, August 19

All three Western envoys in Moscow were believed tonight to have received new instructions which would form the basis of a new approach to the Soviet Government.

The envoys were seeking a second meeting with Marshal Stalin tomorrow as a culmination of three weeks' "bargaining" talks over the German issue, informed London quarters said today.

Informed observers in Moscow have, for the past few days, believed that this will be the decisive meeting which may determine whether an agreement can be reached for a Foreign Ministers' Conference on Germany.

None of the three Western envoys were, however, ready to commit themselves on this point tonight, Don Dallas, Reuter's correspondent in Moscow, reported. They continued to maintain their usual silence.

A Berlin Radio report forecasting an agreement to reconvene the Council of Foreign Ministers was believed to have come as a surprise to the envoys but they declined to comment.

The Russian press has, so far, given no indication whatever of the likely outcome of the present Kremlin talks, M. Molotov's various meetings with the envoys have not yet been mentioned, but it is assumed that the press will issue a full report covering the whole negotiations when a final decision is announced.

There was no meeting between the three Western envoys and Russian officials tonight, but it was expected, however, that there would be a meeting tomorrow between M. Molotov and the envoys.

#### Tense Expectancy

Mr. Frank Roberts, the British special representative, went at noon today to see General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador, while tense expectancy prevailed in all three Western Embassies, a Reuter Moscow cable said.

It had been arranged that the three envoys should confer as soon as they had received and studied their latest instructions from their respective capitals. The Moscow view was that they would go to the Kremlin for their seventh meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister to answer his undelivered proposal of last Monday.

In London, it was expected that M. Molotov would be present at the expected meeting with Marshal Stalin, but that a further meeting with M. Molotov alone would not take place unless there was a fresh Soviet initiative with greater readiness to meet the Western standpoint.

#### A Compromise

Diplomatic observers believed that all the necessary elements existed for a four-power compromise based on mutual concessions which might include, by Russia: the restoration of Berlin communications, agreement for all four occupation powers to participate in the issuing of the Soviet mark as the sole Berlin currency; by the Western powers: withdrawal of the Western mark from Berlin and the restoration of communications between the Soviet Zone of Germany and the West.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador in London, called today on Sir William Strang, head of the German Department of the Foreign Office. He is believed to have examined the latest reports from Moscow.

Mr. Rene Massigli, the French Ambassador, the third member of the Standing Committee on the Berlin crisis, was expected to call on Sir William late tonight.—Reuter.

## FLOOD PREVENTION IN ORIENT

Geneva, August 19.

Quick action to build up an international system against floods in Asia and the Far East was decided on tonight by the Economic and Social Council.

The Council decided to set up a Bureau of Flood Control to work within the framework of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. The Bureau will consist of between three and five experts and has been given the widest terms of reference yet given to a United Nations body.

After five days of argument, the Council tonight limited its instructions to the Bureau to emphasizing "the great importance and urgency of the problems of flood control, which affect the livelihood and welfare of millions of human beings in the valleys

of the great rivers of Asia and the Far East." The decision to set up the Bureau was taken against strong United States, Canadian and New Zealand opposition, based on the argument that it was not necessary to create a special body for the purpose. The Canadian delegate formally proposed that the task be entrusted to the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, while China and Dr. P.C. Chang proposed that a semi-autonomous Bureau, within the framework of the Economic Commission, would be more suitable and efficient.—Reuter.

## NINE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Stockholm, August 19

Nine men including two Army officers, were killed in a gun explosion at a secret coastal gun battery in the southern Stockholm archipelago today.

Five men were wounded, one seriously.

The explosion occurred while the group was firing a 21-centimetre gun which burst with a terrific explosion. The victims belonged to the Washolm division of the coastal artillery forces and the Navy.

The wounded were taken by boat to the mainland and flown to the nearest hospital.

The exact cause of the disaster has been kept a secret. The authorities said that the explosion was caused by a mechanical fault in the firing mechanism of the gun.—United Press.

## NEW SIAMESE CONSTITUTION

Bangkok, August 19.

Siamee will have a two-house Parliament under a new draft Constitution, according to a resolution passed by the Constituent Assembly today. The Lower House will be elected by popular vote while the Upper House will comprise members nominated by the King. The new Constitution, which is described as of the "British type", is expected to be promulgated early in 1949.—Reuter.

## INDO-CHINA POLICY GETS APPROVAL

Paris, August 19.

The French National Assembly tonight approved the Government policy in Indo-China by 347 votes to 183.

The Premier, M. Andre Marie, said his Government would give its "entire and solemn adherence" to the agreement under which France will recognise the independence of Viet Namh (the Indo-Chinese Republic) within the French Union.

The agreement was signed in June on board a French cruiser in the Bay of Along, off the Indo-China coast, by M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, and ex-emperor Bao Dai, the former ruler of the Indo-Chinese States of Tonkin and Annam.

M. Marie said that M. Bollaert's effort to bring peace had marked an important stage in the efforts to bring peace to Indo-China. The agreement had defined the principles on which France intended to found her association with the Vietnamese people, the Premier stated.

M. Jean Guillaud, Communist, condemned the Bay of Along agreement as "imperialism" describing General Nguyen Van Xuan, the President of the Provisional Central Vietnamese Government, as "an agent of America".

#### Hope For Peace

He demanded negotiations with Dr. Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Viet Minh (the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement).

After further discussion, M. Marie said: "We earnestly hope for peace as soon as possible in Indo-China within the framework of the French Union."

The Assembly then voted for an adjournment proposed by M. Marie and the final vote was taken shortly after the resumption.

Many right wing and some Gaullist deputies abstained from voting, because they were not satisfied that the Government was fully decided on not renewing negotiations with the Communist

Nationalist leader, Dr. Ho, a course still advocated by a large number of Socialist deputies.

#### Cochin China

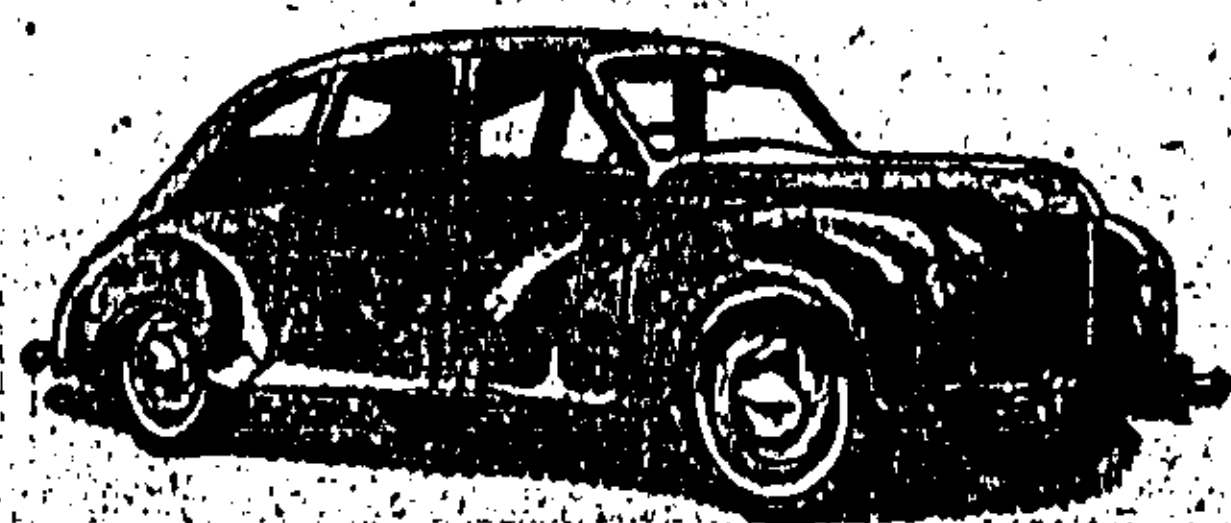
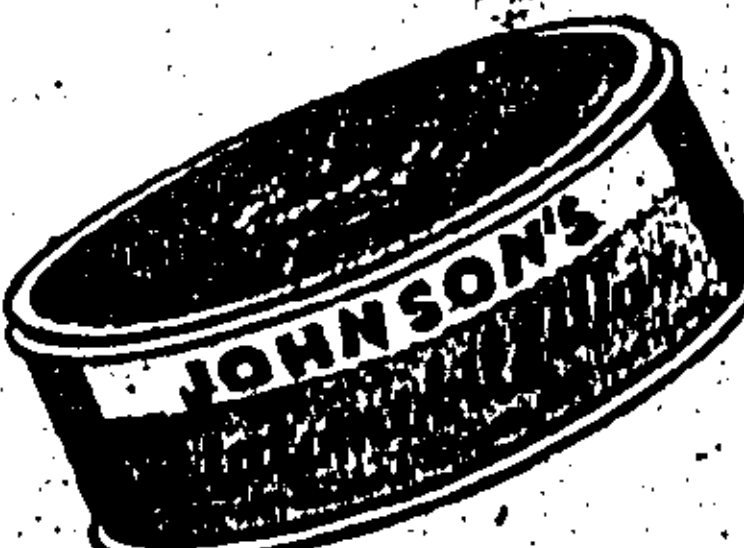
M. Rene Pleven, a former Minister of Finance in General Charles de Gaulle's Government, said that he would vote for the ratification of the Bay of Along agreement, on the understanding that the Government would confine its negotiations to ex-emperor Bao Dai and also that it was understood that Parliament must be consulted on the ultimate fate of Cochin China.

M. Marie did not reply to M. Pleven. The Vietnamese Nationalist claim that Cochin China should be included in the Viet Namh Republic, but certain French leaders consider that since France enjoys special rights in Cochin China, these should be preserved.—Reuter.

Washington, August 20. The Economic and Co-operation Administration announced its approval today of a procurement authorisation of \$4,050,000 for the purchase of the Ligne of Germany.—Reuter.

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## OPTIMISM IN PARIS OVER PARLEYS

Paris, August 19.

A satisfactory ending to the long-drawn out talks between the Western powers and the Soviet Government in Moscow was regarded as probable in Paris tonight.

According to French sources, the optimism in Paris is based on two factors—that, for the first time since the end of the war, the negotiations with the Russians have been conducted in an atmosphere of complete reciprocal courtesy and that a substantial measure of agreement has already been reached; the basis of which is the re-establishment of the status quo as at the time the last meeting of the four Foreign Ministers broke down.

The Russians have already agreed to lift the Berlin blockade. The Western Powers have agreed to the acceptance of the Soviet mark as the currency for the whole of Berlin. But one further concession is wanted by the Russians—and this is a point which has not yet been agreed upon. They have asked that at least the application of the London six-power Conference decisions on a West German Government be suspended until a new four-power meeting turns out to be a success or a failure. The Russians argue that the status quo means a state of things which had existed before the six-power agreement for the establishment of a Government in Western Germany.

#### Findiny Formula

Accordingly, they have asked that nothing in this line be realised until an outcome of new four-power discussions became known. This point is still under discussion, and the final outcome of the Moscow talks may well depend on the finding of a formula suitable to both sides in this respect.

Originally the Russians insisted that the Western powers should agree in advance to four-power control of the Ruhr. The British, French and American Ambassadors pointed out to the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, that the question of the Ruhr was eventually one of the matter that a resumed four-power conference would have to discuss and that Moscow diplomatic talks dealt strictly with the point whether a conference should take place or not.

The Western powers are now obviously prepared to waive their earlier objections to the reopening of four-power talks on Germany as a whole. Russia may

also be prepared to suspend temporarily, pending fresh four-power talks, their campaign against the six-power London plan for the establishment of a West German Government.

#### Balance Of Power

It is a compromise on these lines should fail, it would be because Premier Stalin considered that the balance of concessions was unfair or that it did not correspond to the realities of the present balance of power.

In striking this balance, the Soviet leaders may well consider their present local strength in Berlin itself to be a determining factor while the Western leaders may give greater weight to their overall strength in the world picture. Failure to reach a compromise would, it was believed, make the Berlin situation even more dangerous than it was before the start of the Moscow talks and increase the tension between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

## TOO MANY COOKS IN INDONESIA

New York, August 19.

Dr. Herman Friederick, head of the Indonesian section of the Netherlands Information Service in New York, said today that internal dissension within the Indonesian Republic is the chief obstacle to an amicable settlement of Dutch Indonesian differences.

Dr. Friederick said at a press conference that the struggle for "leadership and power within the Republic is paralysing efforts to set up an independent United States of Indonesia."

"There are so many groups of leaders that nobody has any real power there," he continued. He said he found that the "real Republican leaders" were seriously worried over internal affairs.

He blamed Republican military leaders and Communist influence for delaying an agreement.—Associated Press.

## BIRTH OF A FREAK

Rome, August 19.

The birth of a male child weighing 17 pounds 10 ounces and 2 feet 7 inches tall was recorded today at Augusta, Sicily, reports to the Italian press said.

The mother, Rosa Caserta, 19, lived in the small Tyrrhenian island of Ustica, 60 miles north of Palermo, Sicily.

The girl was flown by a specially despatched sea plane from Ustica to Augusta where the baby was successfully delivered, the reports said.—Associated Press.

## ANOTHER CLASH AT UN

Lake Success, August 19.

Czechoslovakia has asked for the dismissal of Dr Jan Papanek, deposed Czech delegate to the United Nations, as a budget expert for the United Nations.

The move promised to precipitate a sharp East-West skirmish at the forthcoming Paris session of the General Assembly. But it was considered highly unlikely that the Czech move would meet much support outside the Soviet bloc.

The affable, moustachioed diplomat, who split with the Prague Government after the Communists seized power in February, was appointed to two budgetary posts by the last Assembly meeting. His terms will not due to expire until the end of 1951.

Dr. Papanek contends that his service on the Committee on Contributions and the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has nothing to do with his relations with the Czech Government.—United Press.

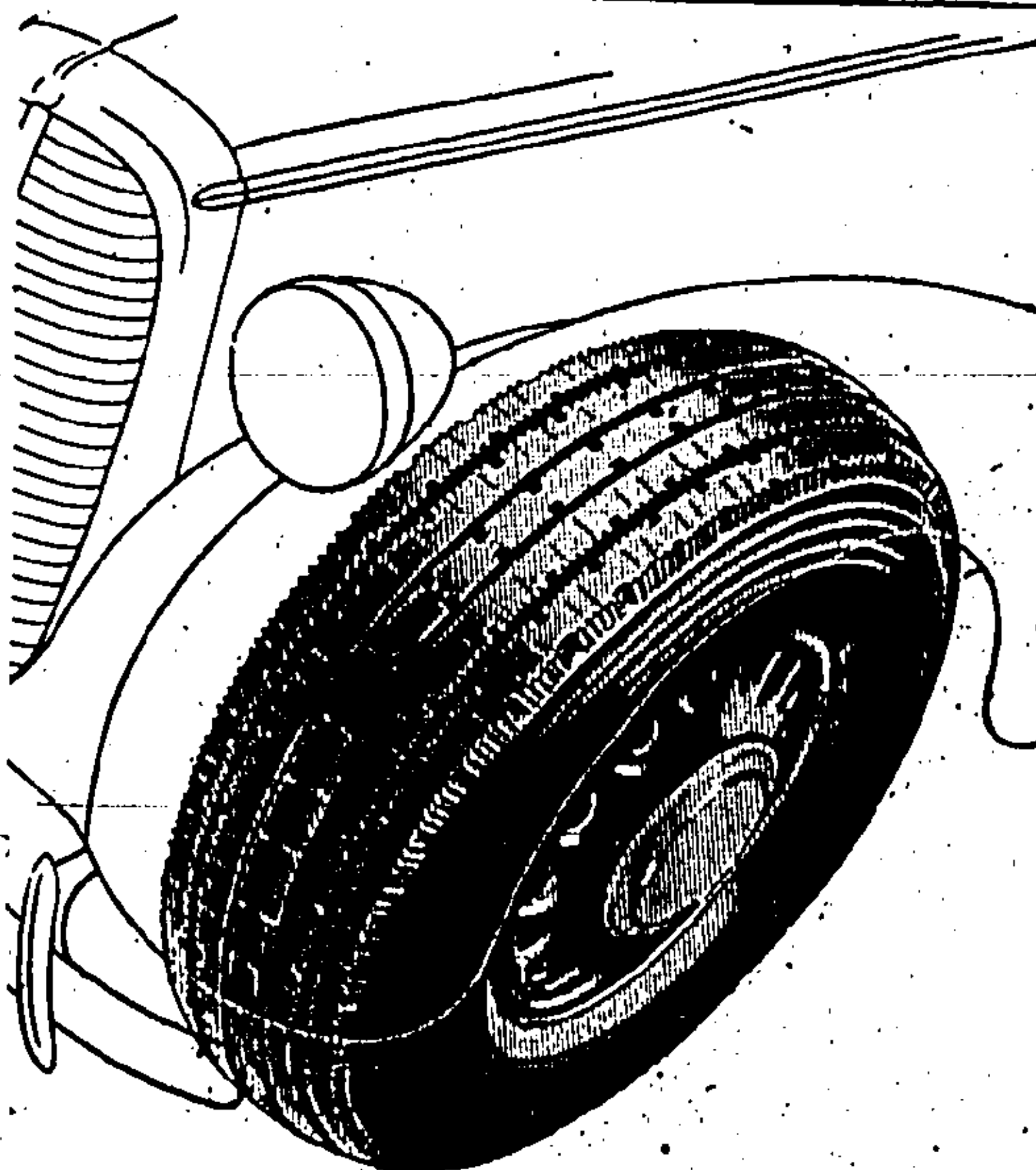
## WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY

London, August 19.

After hearing arguments that Communist dominated youth groups had failed in their world mission, the International Youth Conference voted today to set up a permanent International Youth Assembly.

The closing meeting of the conference today was to consider the new organisation's form and a proposed draft of a charter. The proposed charter makes no provision for a veto by any nation. Populous nations would be limited in their representation so that a combination of a few big states could not dominate proceedings.

The proposed charter provides that youth groups of any of the United Nations be accepted without question by the International Assembly but the way was left open for the participation of youth groups of Germany, Japan, Italy and other states not in the United Nations.—Associated Press.



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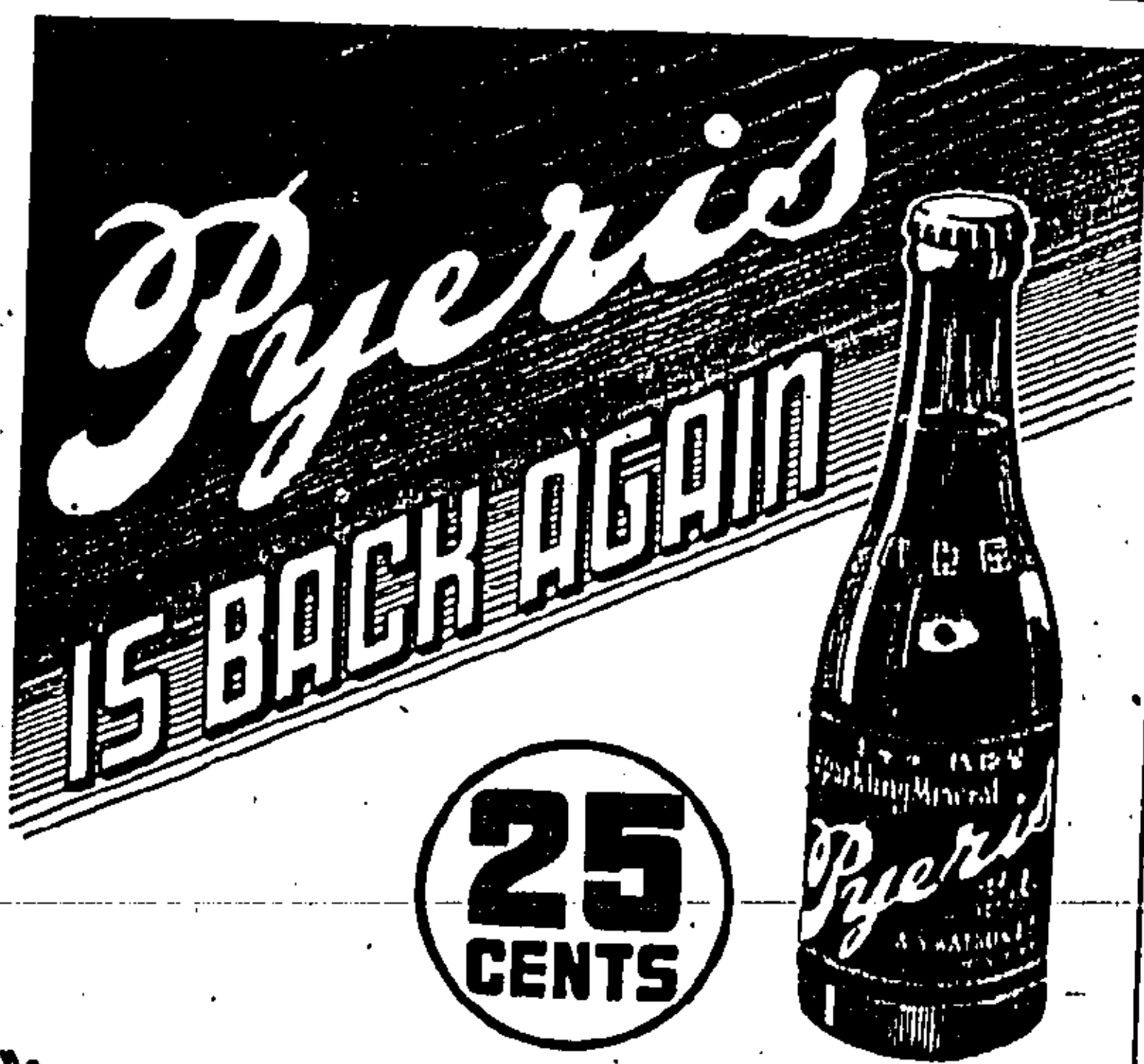
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# WEST AWAITING 'EXPLOSION' IN TITO-COMINFORM ISSUE

## CRITICAL STAGE ROUND CORNER

London, August 19.  
Western Foreign Offices tonight waited expectantly for the "explosion" in Yugoslavia which may determine the future of excommunicated Marshal Tito.

Now that the farcical conference on the Danube is over, the critical stage in the long smouldering Tito-Stalin row is believed to be just around the corner.

Western officials are confident that the relative soft pedal put on that internal Communist family squabble during the conference was for face-saving purposes.

Now it is hard to conceive that the Kremlin will allow Marshal Tito to continue his defiance of the Cominform, which is a defiance of Soviet Russia. Therefore, Balkan experts in the West predict an early showdown which may end in any other way than the "liquidation" of Marshal Tito from his present position as Yugoslav leader.

But no one at the moment feels competent to suggest what kind of action the Kremlin will take. There are many possibilities:

Firstly, stimulation of the already intense intra-Balkan bickering and name-calling. Rumania quickly jumped into the fray once the shooting of the Yugoslav General Arso Yovanovich, who was trying to flee to Rumania, was announced. It accused Yugoslavia of cold blooded murder and again appealed to honest Communists to revolt against Marshal Tito.

Secondly, economic sanctions. Minor moves in this direction have been made. But a full fledged economic boycott of Yugoslavia by other Eastern European countries could all but strangle Yugoslavia's economy.

Thirdly, military sanctions. No one expects overt action by the Army. But Yugoslavia's admission this week that there are treasonable elements within the army always raises the possibility of a coup.

Ever since the Cominform electrified the world in June with its sensational denunciation of Tito, the impression had been successfully given that the Yugoslav people are solidly behind Marshal Tito and that he could count on the Army to support him.

Now those claims have been severely blasted by the Yovanovich incident.

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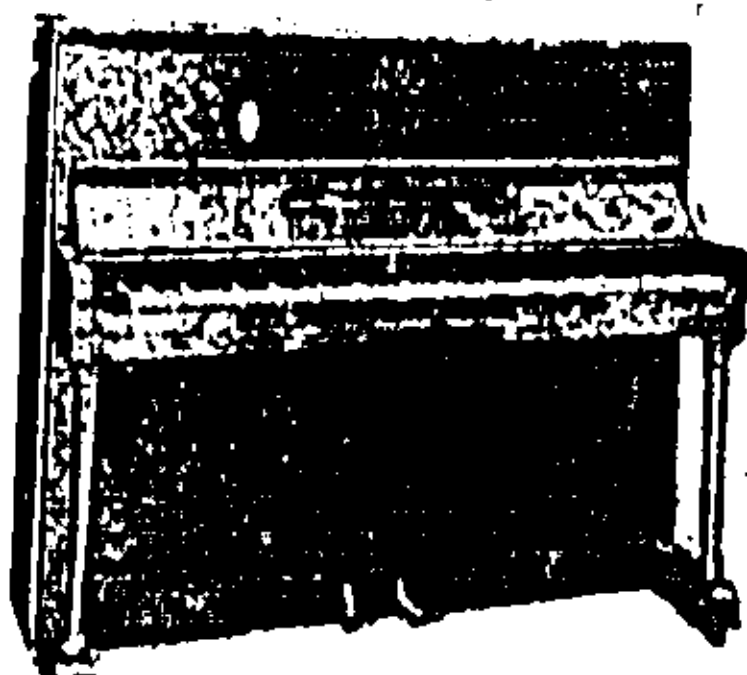
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MARSHAL TITO

The departure of delegates of the Western nations from Belgrade where they have been debating on the Danube, is expected to at least signal the start of a new intensive propaganda campaign throughout Eastern Europe against Marshal Tito.

### Still A Marxist

Only one thing appears certain in this complicated and ideological row which rivals the Stalin-Trotsky break in the 1920s. That certainly is that regardless of the outcome of the Tito-Stalin row, Yugoslavia is not going to rush into the arms of the West.

Marshal Tito still professes to follow the Marxist-Lenin line: he still argues that he is a firm supporter and co-operator with the Soviet Union. On the other side, Russia and Yugoslavia continue to support each other in all international gatherings—the Danube conference and the Security Council case on Trieste, being the latest examples.—United Press

### Rumania Attacks Tito

Bucharest, August 19.  
The Rumanian press today accused Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, of responsibility for the killing of General Arso Yovanovich, former Chief of the Yugoslav General Staff, who was shot while trying to escape to Rumania.

### Garbo's Come-Back

Hollywood, August 19.  
Greta Garbo today signed up for her long-heralded return to the screen.

The blonde actress, whose last picture was "Two-Faced Woman" in 1941, signed a contract with producers Walter Wanger and Eugene Frank.

Her new picture, whose title and subject were not disclosed, will be filmed next spring in Rome, Paris, England and Hollywood.—United Press

### ANTI-BRITISH MOVE FAILS

Lake Success, August 19.  
Yugoslavia failed today in a new effort to have the United Nations condemn British and American actions in Trieste.

Only Russia and the Ukraine supported a Yugoslav resolution which said that Britain and the United States had violated the Italian peace treaty and called on them to stop.

Nine council members abstained from voting. The Security Council also rejected a proposal by the Ukraine that the Council declare that it "considered it urgent to solve the question of the Free Territory of Trieste."

The vote was four to nothing with seven abstentions including Britain.

Russia, China, Syria, and the Ukraine supported the proposal.—The Associated Press

Rumania, and compared him to "Hitler assassins".

The Communist newspaper "Universul" said that the number of Yugoslav Communists breaking away from the "national policy" of Marshal Tito was growing day by day.

Their resistance was aimed at "saving the Yugoslav Republic from the terrorist regime".—Reuter

# TIME LIMIT DEMANDED FOR COLONIAL RULE

London, August 19.  
The Congress of European, Asiatic and African Peoples today issued a statement calling on the British Government to appoint a time limit for the end of British rule over Colonial peoples.

It demanded the transfer of power to democratically elected constituent assemblies.

"We demand that the British Government recognises the right of independence of all the peoples in the British Empire," it said.

Condemning the "alleged support given by the British Government to the South African Government in connection with racial legislation, and the attitude to the Nigerian delegation, which recently visited Britain in connection with constitutional proposals, the statement said that, on the whole, the British Labour Government had failed the colonial peoples.

"The ameliorative measures of social welfare, health, housing, public works and education instituted by the Labour Government could wipe out the stain of the record," the statement continued.

### Utterly Unworthy

"Within a short period we have witnessed the use of physical suppression in the Gold Coast, Malaya and British Guiana. We believe these methods to be utterly unworthy of the British Labour Movement."

"We reject any economic development schemes, such as the East and West African ground nut projects, in which the indigenous people do not act as equal partners."

The statement follows a Congress held in France last June, at which principal speakers were M. Leon Blum, veteran French Socialist, and Mr. Fenner Brockway, former Political Secretary of the British Independent Labour Party.—Reuter

New Delhi, August 19.  
The Government of India will contribute 100,000 rupees for the relief of Arab and Jewish refugees in Palestine, the Foreign Affairs Ministry announced here tonight.—Reuter

# BAN ON ORIENTALS UNFAIR

Washington, August 19.  
The American Civil Liberties Union today called for removal of the ban on immigration of Orientals and action by Congress to make the United States a haven for "political refugees."

In testimony prepared for the Senate Judiciary sub-committee, Mr. Haring William Gurock, spokesman for the group, also recommended legislation to provide that aliens cannot be deported if they have been in the country 10 years.

Mrs. Okenna Kosenkina, Russian school teacher in New York, points up the need for admitting political refugees to the United States.

The Civil Liberties Union representative said the ban against Orientals is "predicated on racial discrimination." He said the quota system would limit Japanese, Korean, Indo-Chinese and Indonesian immigrants to "fewer than 500 per year."

He said: "They are the only groups still excluded under the Act. The sub-committee is studying all phases of immigration."—United Press

# Union Proposal Ratified

The Hague, August 19.  
The projected creation of a union between the Netherlands and Indonesia as equal partners was ratified today by the second Lower Chamber of Parliament.

The Chamber passed the constitutional amendment providing for union with the required two-thirds majority.

The vote was 76 to 22.

Against the amendment voted six Communists (two absent), 13 Conservative Calvinists (anti-Revolutionary Party), two of another Right Wing Protestant Party and one Dissident Catholic.—Associated Press

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# ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWS SHOOTING IN BERLIN CROWDS' STONING OF RUSSIANS

Berlin, August 19.

A gunfire raid by Soviet-controlled German police on the Anglo-American sector borders in Central Berlin was turned tonight into a demonstration against Communism by a crowd of angry Germans.

Five Germans were reported wounded by police bullets. Shouting taunts of "Communism" and "those pigs—the Communists," the crowd, estimated at 600, stoned the Soviet sector police into retreat.

German police from the American sector said that the Russian-backed Police Chief Paul Markgraf was a witness to the demonstration together with his aide Hans Seidel.

If was Markgraf's refusal to accept dismissal by the anti-Communist City Government which split Berlin's police into an "East" and a "West" force. Today's violence was at least the third time that Soviet police raiders have been stoned by German crowds since the police department split.

An angry German crowd just inside the Soviet sector stoned two carloads of police who had pursued black marketeers almost into the British and American sectors.

Police from the British sector stood just inside the British boundary as the crowd hurled taunts of "communism" in what virtually was a mass demonstration against Communism.

### Armed Truce

Infuriated by the shooting, which had occurred only a short time earlier, the crowd began to pick up bits of rubble and throw it at the open vehicles.

Eye-witness reports differed on whether the Communist-controlled German police actually violated the sector borders as they did twice before within the last week.

Only the other day Markgraf instructed his men that the jurisdictional sector borders were to be no hindrance to his police in their operations.

Most German eye-witnesses confirmed that five were wounded in the shooting one in the lung. There was another unconfirmed report that one had died.

There was an armed truce tonight at the sector borders around Potsdamer Platz, scene of the incident, which marks this divided city into east and west areas of influence.

### Woman Beaten

Four truckloads of British military police stood at their border at the American border armed MFBs along five lanes across the street. They were reinforced by a score of German police.

Scores more German police at the Soviet sector border sought to disperse hundreds of Germans who rioted about in the wake of the violence.

## Rebate On Income Tax

Wellington, August 19.

A rebate of £10 on income tax of individuals is the main concession in the budget presented by the Finance Minister, Walter Nash, in Parliament today.

Basic rates and wartime surcharges remain unchanged. The gold duty of 12/6 an ounce is abolished. It is proposed the Reserve Bank of New Zealand purchase all gold produced in the Dominion.

Sales tax on motor omnibuses is reduced from the present 20 per cent to 10. A five per cent overseas passenger tax is abolished. Opposition members termed the income tax reduction as "chicken feed."—Associated Press.

Some German witnesses claimed that the trouble began when Markgraf's raiders, apparently hunting down black marketeers who frequently congregate in the Potsdamer Platz area, beat a woman with their clubs.

Immediately, they said, bystanders began shouting, then mounting the ruins and hurled bricks from the piles of rubble. Shouts of "stone them into flight," and "bravo" were heard as bricks rained down on the Soviet sector police cars and drove them away.

### "No 1 Emergency"

Mr. C. Bond, deputy chief of the American Military Government Public Safety Branch, said he was "pretty certain" that five Germans were wounded by police bullets. He said he was unable to verify so far reports that one German was killed or that more were wounded.

The British-licensed newspaper "Telegraf" said it has interviewed three wounded in a Berlin hospital.

All police in the Western sectors of Berlin were mobilised to night, and told they were permitted to use their truncheons, and a state of a "No 1 emergency" was declared.—Associated Press and Reuter.

## KIDNAPPING OF CHILDREN

Hamburg, August 19.

The independent newspaper Die Zeit charged editorially today that the Russians are "kidnapping" children in the Russian-occupied countries, including Eastern Germany, to train them as "fanatical followers of Communism."

The newspaper said that the entire campaign which up to last year allegedly whisked 10,000 children away to Russia is directed by Soviet MVD General Sverlov in Potsdam near Berlin.

"It is well known all over the world what role kidnapping plays in Communist politics," the paper said. "What is not so widely known is that the kidnapping campaigns are carefully prepared long in advance."

"With respect to Germany, the campaign was planned in Moscow as long ago as 1943."

At that time, said Die Zeit, the Communists trained their own men and women for this kind of work in special schools. Then the "kidnappers" entered the Eastern European countries with the Russian Army and began their work. "Children of both sexes were taken out of schools and homes and after physical and mental

### PAL SUSPENDS SERVICE

San Francisco, August 19.

It was announced today that the Philippine Airlines has suspended its once-a-week service from Manila to Shanghai because of China's "chronic currency exchange difficulties."

The route connects with the airline's trans-Pacific flights from San Francisco. Two weekly flights from Manila to Hong Kong also connecting with the San Francisco service, will continue.—United Press.

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### Jews Detain Britons

Haifa, August 19.

It was officially announced here tonight that the crew of a British airliner which brought refiner employees here from Beirut would be detained until further notice.

The Israeli Government had previously objected to the use by Count Folke Bernadotte's staff of aircraft and men of a country "whose neutrality has been compromised."—Reuter.

## GRAMMOS BATTLE OVER?

Athens, August 19.

The Premier, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, issued an order of the day to the Greek Army today saying that they had "won the battle of Grammos."

"The enemy is lying prostrate," the order said, expressing his gratitude to all Greek soldiers. The Premier's order indicated that the Greek Government believes that the campaign is nearing its end.

High Greek military officials reported that "Eretria" Greece "had been reduced to 290 or 300 square kilometres."

The guerrillas' last line of defence in the Grammos Mountains, these officials said, was only about three miles long. It extended from Pyrgos, four miles south-west of Nestorion, south-east to Pyrgos through Xekomend and from Pyrgos two miles west to Trislinara.

Army units are pressing in a pincer movement around the line where it is expected that the guerrillas will resist desperately.—Associated Press.

## SECURITY COUNCIL'S WARNING

Lake Success, August 19.

The Security Council today served notice on the Arabs and Jews that it would brook no breach of the Palestine truce. It further instructed both parties to keep their irregulars from breaking the cease fire.

The Council adopted a proposal submitted by Mr. Philip Jessup (United States) on behalf of the United States, Britain, France and Canada, at a special session called in response to a warning from the UN mediator (Count Bernadotte) that the truce was "getting out of hand" in Jerusalem.

The Soviet Union, the Ukraine, Syria and Colombia refused to go along with the others on the entire proposal, abstaining from voting on several portions of it.

The Soviet delegates said Count Bernadotte's failure for not achieving final Palestine settlement and for not maintaining peace.

The two Soviet delegates said the Council would be interfering in the internal affairs of the Jewish and Arab states by instructing the Arab and Jewish authorities "to bring to speedy trial" any person involved in a truce breach.

The action marked the last regular session of the Council before it begins one month's vacation.—United Press.

## BRITISH PACT WITH DENMARK

London, August 19.

The Danish Legation in London announced tonight that talks for a new trade pact between Britain and Denmark will begin in Copenhagen on August 30.

The trade agreement signed last January is due to end in October. Denmark will offer bacon, butter, eggs and cheese in return for coal, steel and other essential manufactured goods.

According to a Danish spokesman in London, Denmark will not accept luxury goods such as automobiles. He said: "When we get Marshall aid, we can import feeding stuffs and fertilisers, and, as a result, we shall have a biggest surplus of food to release for export."

"Possibly prices will come down with greater production, but we expect a tough fight with the British delegates over prices. The prices of coal and steel have gone up recently." M. Anton Vestberg, Danish General in London, will head the Danish negotiators. The negotiations are expected to last for a fortnight.—Reuter.

## LEFTIST-CATHOLIC TEST IN ITALY

Rome, August 19.

The first critical test between the Leftist Labour Federation and the new Catholic Trade Union group may come on Saturday.

This is the date the Communists have set for their half-day strike of farm hands and share croppers.

It will be the first Communist-called strike since their labour agitation following the attempted assassination of the party leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, a month ago. It will also be the first time the new anti-Communist group has attempted to challenge the older organisation.

Communists maintained that all of the 1,500,000 farm workers will walk out.

The Christian Democrats have appealed to workers to ignore

the call. Christian Democrat labour leaders said the Communists refused to negotiate with land owners who, they reported, are ready "to settle the problems without recourse to such purely political action."

Farm workers have asked minimum wages equal to those of construction workers, paid holidays, fixed hours, doubled family allowances and union-run employment offices.

The Catholic labour movement said the demands were never presented to the land owners for study.—United Press.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## NEW ZEALAND SHARES RISE AS SEQUEL TO REVALUATION MOVE

Wellington, August 19.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Compared with some of its immediate predecessors there has been quite an improvement in the market this week, particularly in the section of the lower priced favourites. There have been sustained enquiries, especially for Cements, China Lights, Hotels, Watsons and Electrics, and at the close supplies are short of requirements. The period ends buoyantly with a possible uplift in rates. The following Interim Dividends have been declared—Dairy Farms \$1.20 for the Old shares and 90 cts for the New shares, free of Tax payable 15th prox. Hong Kong Trams 55 cts less 10% Tax, payable 13th prox.

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Union Ins. 705s, 705s  
China Underwriters 7 1/2%  
H.K. Fire Ins. 280s

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Indo China (Pref.) 50s  
(Def.) 284s  
Shells (Newer) 74 1/2%  
U. Waterboat 25s

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H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 140s, 150s  
140s (New) 140s  
North Point Wharves 8 1/2%  
H.K. Docks 20 1/2%  
China Dockyards 22s  
Shal Dockyards 18s

MINING:  
Taishan Mines 6 1/2%  
H.K. Mines 50s

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H. & S. Hotels 15 1/2%, 15 3/4%, 16 1/2%  
H.K. Lands 70s, 70s  
Shal Lands 4 1/2%, 4 1/2%, 4 1/2%  
Humphreys Estates 10 1/2%, 10 1/2%  
H.K. Estates 15s  
Chinese Estates 18s

PUBLIC UTILITIES:  
H.K. Tramways 21 1/2%, 22 1/2%, 23s  
Peak Trams (Old) 23s  
Peak Trams (New) 12s  
Sar. Ferries 130s, 135 1/2%  
C. Lights (Old) 22 1/2%, 22 1/2%, 23 1/2%  
C. Lights (New) 15s  
H.K. Electric 40s, 40 1/2%, 40 1/2%  
Macao Electric 24 1/2%  
Shanghai Electric 15 1/2%  
Telephone 15s  
Shanghai Gas 6 1/2%

INDUSTRIALS:  
Cald. New (Ord.) 21s  
Canton Iron 7s  
Cement 42s, 42 1/2%, 41 1/2%, 41 1/2%  
H.K. Ropes 17 1/2%

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Dairy Farms (Old) 46s, 47 1/2%, 47 1/2%  
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Watsons (Old) 10 1/2%, 11 1/2%  
(New) 50s  
Lane, Crawford & Co. 52s  
Sincere 8 1/2%  
Chint. Emporium X.D. 10 1/2%  
Hun. Co. Ltd. 4 1/2%  
Kwong Sang Hong 17s  
Wing On (H.K.) 11s  
Wm. Powell Ltd. 13 1/2%

MISCELLANEOUS:  
China Crystal 40s  
H.K. Constructions (Old) 5 1/2%  
(New) 6s  
Vibro (Old) 12s  
(New) 15s  
Marman, Investments 18 1/2%  
Marman, (H.K.) 1 1/2%  
Shel Loan 4 1/2%

COTTONS:  
20s 14 1/2%  
RUBBER, ETC. COMPANIES:  
Anglo-Java 5 1/2%  
Cheng 70s  
Consolidated 2 1/2%  
Sulphur 1s  
Kola Balmors 2s  
Troy 3 1/2%  
Bamagosa 20s, 1s  
Sulphur 1s  
Tang Mers 15s, 10s  
Tobacco 40s  
Kiangbo 5s

New Zealand's restoration of her pound to parity with sterling—after an 18-year gap during which it stood 20 per cent lower—was a surprise move to cut the cost of living and ward off inflation.

The announcement, made by the Finance Minister, Mr. Walter Nash, at the end of his Budget speech in Parliament, came as a dramatic surprise and New Zealand and Australian shares were immediately marked up on the London Stock Exchange.

In Canberra however, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley told Reuter that the value of the Australian pound—devalued 20 per cent at the same time as the New Zealand money in the great 1932 depression—would not be altered as a result of New Zealand's action.

Explaining the move, Mr. Nash told the House of Assembly that there was a disequilibrium between prices in New Zealand and those in other countries, particularly the dollar area. Corrective action was necessary to check its growth.

"If the income of our country is to be equitably shared, we must bring costs down and action to do so must be immediate," he said amid warm applause from Government benches.

## Benefit To All

In an interview later, the Finance Minister declared that the restoration of parity would, in the long run, benefit all sections of the community. It would mean a substantial reduction in the cost of imported commodities and contribute considerably to a reduction of farmers' and manufacturers' costs as well as the general cost of living.

The closest secrecy had been maintained and Mr. Nash read his statement in Parliament from a note in his own handwriting.

Reuter's Financial Editor wrote that Britain's major imports from New Zealand were unlikely to cost more as a result of the change because nearly all the Dominion's staple products were sold to the United Kingdom under fixed contracts in sterling. Some of these prices were raised recently but are not affected by the appreciation. Dividends declared in New Zealand currency would, of course, now be worth more money to all non New Zealand shareholders in companies domiciled in the Dominion.

This is the first raising of any currency since the ill-fated appreciations by Canada and Sweden in the summer of 1946. In both cases their foreign exchange reserves suffered severely.

The Australian pound is now the only sterling area pound (except apparently Fiji's) which is below parity with sterling.

## "An Upheaval"

Other features of the budget presented by Mr. Nash were tax concessions amounting to NZ £4,000,000 and increased expenditure on immigration, defence and social security.

He said that the Government had allocated £740,000 to speed immigration and had chartered the former hospital ship, Atlantis (16,000 tons) for four years to transport assisted immigrants.

Commenting on New Zealand's unexpected decision Mr. S. G. Holland, leader of the Opposition, said an upheaval would be caused in most branches of New Zealand trade.

Much depended on the revised guaranteed prices offered to primary industries, on whether sterling was devalued in terms of dollars, and also on the attitude of Australia.

"Never did I hear a Minister say so little that meant so much," Mr. Holland declared.

The transitional period, bringing the New Zealand pound into line with sterling, would be difficult one for traders—Reuter.

## Money Market

China's currency change brought a 17 1/2-point drop in gold yesterday, following a frantic selling fever which was however allayed in the afternoon as buyers, taking advantage of the drop, started buying.

The market opened at \$330.00 a tael. It had closed at \$335.50 the previous day. The selling frenzy sent the rate toppling to \$317.50 in less than two hours. It then recovered to \$322.00, and closed at \$320.75 at the 10:00 interval.

Opening at \$322.00 in the afternoon steady buying sent the rate up to \$324.00, but it eased off again to \$321.50 at the close.

Most operators obtained from buying or selling until the situation is clarified.

Also to be affected by the currency change was Chinese National Currency which opened at the all-time low of 0.4 cents for futures and 0.5 cents for spot for CN\$10,000.

There was considerable speculation in futures which first went up to 0.5 cents; then dropped to 0.4 cents, and closed at 0.3 cents. Spot dropped to 0.7 cents at the close.

U.S. dollars topped to \$5.30 in the morning but made a spectacular recovery to \$5.45 in the afternoon, which had been the normal rate for the last few days. The drop in the morning was due entirely to rumour mongering.

Pistons opened at \$11.95 a 100, dropped to \$11.55, and closed at \$12.00.

Ticals improved to \$25.40 a 100, NEI Gullies, on the other hand, dropped to \$40.20 a 100. Sterling dropped further to \$14.07. Australian pounds were firmer at \$12.55.

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## STAR TO WED IN ROME

Rome, August 19. The Hollywood screen play-wright, Milton Krims, and the American screen actress, Jeanne Meadows, will be married tomorrow at the Rome City Hall on Capitol Hill in a civil ceremony performed by the Mayor of Rome, the couple announced today. They will spend their honeymoon in London then return to Hollywood.—United Press.

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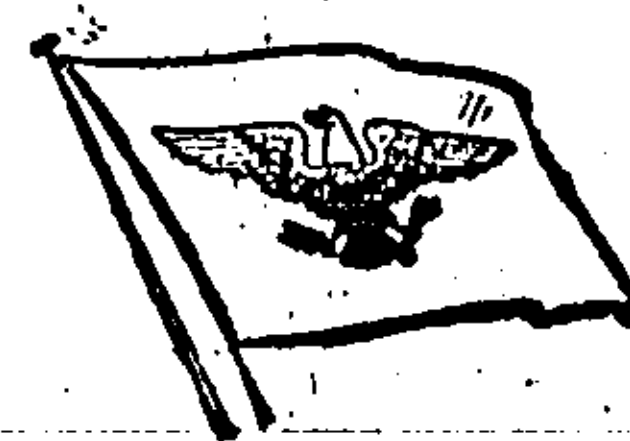
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